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# GUILD TIMES

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

No. 1

OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

July, 1953

## ANNUAL WEEKEND AT CAMP BREWER



MAIL  
RESERVATIONS  
BEFORE  
JULY 20  
TO

MISS MARY GLADYS PAGE

P. O. Box 696  
AMITE, LOUISIANA

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NEW CONFERENCE SECRETARY



MRS. MINZA RABUN

Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop, will preside at the Seventh Annual Guild weekend, to be held July 24-26. Mrs. Rabun was elected Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild in Louisiana at the Annual Conference held last March in Baton Rouge to fill the unexpired term of one year of Miss Mary Gladys Page, who was elected to the National Guild Standing Committee.

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### SEVENTH GUILD WEEKEND CONVENES JULY 24-26

GLADICE BOWER, Speaker



GLADICE BOWER

Miss Gladice Bower who is one of the "Special Interest" of the Wesleyan Service Guild is superintendent of Vashti Girls School, Thomasville, Georgia. Miss Bower is a deaconess, a graduate of the National College for Christian Workers at Kansas City, Missouri. In her college work, in Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas, she majored in English and Religious Education. Later she received her M. S. from Syracuse University after serving two years as assistant to the Dean of Women. Her experience includes teaching in Louisiana, Settlement work in Buffalo and West Virginia, and hospital work in Wichita. This work comes under the Bureau of Educational Institutions.

### EMPHASIS PLACED ON PERSONAL WORSHIP

Upon arrival at Camp grounds Guild members are invited to walk down to Vesper Point for personal worship service. Morning watch will also be held on Saturday morning, under the direction of Mrs. F. G. Phillips at 6:00 A. M. After this time persons who will be arriving later in the morning are directed to go to Vesper Point.

Miss Gladice Bower, Superintendent of Vashti Girls School will be principal speaker at the annual Guild Weekend to be held July 24-26. The theme of the Seventh Annual Guild Weekend Conference is "The Christian and Her Daily Work".

Miss Bower will bring a message on Saturday evening about her work at Vashti. On Sunday she will deliver the inspirational address at the morning worship service.

The Weekend meeting will convene Saturday, July 25 at 2 p. m. with Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary presiding. Many Guild members are expected to arrive on Friday evening. Registration will begin at eight Saturday morning. Upon arrival at the camp grounds everyone will have the opportunity of visiting Vesper Point for personal worship service.

There will be Vesper Service at 6:00 a. m. Saturday under the direction of Mrs. F. G. Phillips. For those arriving early they will have opportunity for fun and fellowship on Saturday morning. There will be craft classes at 8:30 a. m.

The Saturday program will open with worship program by Miss Lillian Kennedy. Her subject will be "You Are My Witnesses".

During Saturday afternoon session there will be a Workshop period and Introductions of the 1953-54 Missionary Study Courses by those who attend the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah. Mrs. Warren Constant, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education will bring a message on Missionary Education.

On Sunday the program will begin with Morning Watch. During the morning session, emphasis will be placed upon Spiritual Life.



## THREE NEW SECRETARIES ELECTED

Three new District Secretaries were elected at the spring meetings of the New Orleans, Alexandria and Monroe Districts. Miss Margaret McGowan of New Orleans and Mrs. Neva Rye, Alexandria were elected for a two year term in their respective districts. Mrs. Tom Gauthrie was elected to fill the unexpired terms of Mrs. Minza Rabun in the Monroe District.

At this writing only the Alexandria and Baton Rouge Districts voted to add three additional members to their district committee to correspond with the Conference committee. Those elected in the Alexandria District along with Mrs. Rye were Mrs. Hazel Golson, Opelousas, Chairman of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. O. B. Jones, Bunkie, Chairman of Spiritual Life, Miss Elizabeth Randol, Bunkie, Chairman of Missionary Education. Other districts are planning to add these committees at an early date.

The District Secretaries who are presently serving in the Conference Committee are as follows:

**ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT:** Mrs. Neva Rye, 712 21st Street, Alexandria. (Picture not available). Daughter of a retired Methodist Minister. Teacher of the first grade, Central School. Teaches in the Primary Department at the First Methodist Church. She joined the Guild in Jennings and served as Spiritual Life Chairman. Upon moving to Alexandria she joined the Guild in the fall of 1952 and served as Vice-President last year. Mrs. Rye was elected at the May meeting held in Opelousas to serve for two years succeeding Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Opelousas. There are eleven Guilds in the Alexandria District.

MISS LILLIAN KENNEDY



**BATON ROUGE DISTRICT:** Miss Lillian Kennedy, 5545 Jackson Ave., Baton Rouge. Member of First Methodist Church. Now working in the Junior Department in charge of worship program and teacher of class. Charter member of Wesleyan Service Guild. Miss Kennedy is Supervisor of Materials of Instruction for East Baton Rouge Parish Schools. Formerly taught elementary and junior high school work and served as teacher-librarian in East Baton Rouge Schools. She is a member of La. School Supervisors Association, La. Library Association, La. Association of School Librarians, Baton Rouge Library Club (now serving as its president), and Delta Kappa Gamma. She was elected in 1952 for a two year term as District Secretary. There are eleven Guilds in the Baton Rouge district.

**LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT:** Miss Helen Adams, P. O. Box 839, Lake Charles (Picture not available). Miss Adams has 16 Wesleyan Service Guilds in her District. She is employed at Boling and Roberts, Insurance and Real Estate in Lake Charles. She is a member of the National Credit Women's Association and many other organizations.

MRS. GUTHRIE



**MONROE DISTRICT:** Mrs. T. D. (Ruth) Guthrie, 725 Van Avenue, Bastrop, was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Minza Rabun when the Monroe District met for its spring meeting. Mrs. Guthrie with her husband owns and operates a neighborhood grocery and market. She is the mother of two sons and one grandson. Teaches a Junior Class in the Church School. She is very talented with her designing, especially hats. Has made miniature models for any number of groups and organizations. The Monroe District has thirteen Guilds.

MARGARET MCGOWAN



**NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT:** Miss Margaret McGowan, 4468 Music Street, New Orleans. She is employed at D. H. Holmes Co. as one of the head cashiers. Her current activities in her church are, teaching in the Primary Department, acting as secretary of the Commission of Education of the Church School; membership chairman of local Guild, and immediate past president of the Gentilly Guild. There are ten Guilds in the New Orleans District. She was elected for a two year term as District Secretary to succeed Miss Emma Kuntz.

MILDRED BAXTER



**RUSTON DISTRICT:** Mrs. Mildred Saint Baxter, P. O. Box 82, Farmerville, was elected Ruston District Secretary in 1952. There are nine Guilds in this District. She is employed as a Welfare Visitor for the Department of Public Welfare. She is Chairman of Spiritual Life in her home Guild. Mrs. Baxter is Assistant Superintendent of the Church School, and is Secretary and Treasurer for the Ruth Sunday School Class. She is a member of the choir in her church. Mrs. Baxter also belongs to the Farmerville Chapter 207, Order of the Eastern Star and fills the station of the third point of the star, Esther.

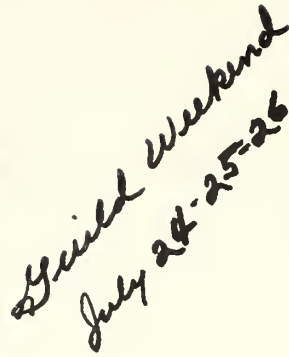
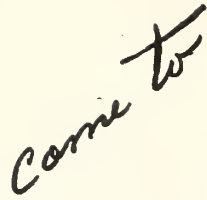
MRS. F. G. PHILLIPS



**SHREVEPORT DISTRICT:** Mrs. F. G. (Ruby) Phillips, Plain Dealing was elected as District Secretary in 1950. She is a teacher. There are 17 Guilds in the Shreveport District. Mrs. Phillips' husband is Editor and Publisher of the Bossier Banner and Plain Dealing Progress.

Besides the District Secretaries the Conference Standing Committee is made up of the Conference Secretary, Mrs. Minza Rabun, Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Minden, Treasurer, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Promotion secretary, and two elected members of the Conference Woman's Society. In addition, three chairmen will be added to the Guild committee. These chairmen will be named at the Guild weekend when it convenes for its meeting July 24-26. They will be Chairmen of Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life, and Missionary Education.





## WHERE?

## WHO?

## WHAT?

## PROGRAM?

## WHAT TO BRING? Zip, Zest, and Zeal


**COST:**

**REGISTRATION:** Registration fee is included in total cost and paid on arrival.  
Mail your reservation before July 20.

## TALK GUILD

## BE A DOING GUILD

## ATTEND GUILD WEEKEND

 Don't forget  
to mail this  
before July 20.  
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### REGISTRATION AND RESERVATION BLANK

Please put into each blank the number of reservations. List name and address of each registrant below.

Friday supper.....(Bring your own)	Saturday supper.....\$.75_____
Saturday breakfast.....\$.50_____	Sunday breakfast......50_____
Saturday lunch......75_____	Sunday dinner.....1.00_____
Ground fee (one day only).... .25_____	Ground fee (one day only) .25_____
	Registration fee ..... .50_____

District\_\_\_\_\_

Church\_\_\_\_\_

Send to registrar (Miss Mary Gladys Page, P. O.Box 696, Amite, La.) not later than July 20. Please circle number next to registrant's name if they will volunteer for the choir at Sunday morning worship service.

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VASHTI GIRLS SCHOOL

Vashti is not just another boarding school. It was founded and is maintained for ambitious, dependent girls of good character who need a home and an opportunity for an education. The school which is fully accredited by the Georgia State Board of Education includes grades 5 to 12. The high school is not only college preparatory, but also emphasizes the study of the Bible, music, pageantry, home making arts and handicrafts. A very fine staff works together to offer the girls the principles of Christian living. Dormitories are open the year round for girls who have no other home. Although no summer school courses are offered, camp activities, canning projects and recreation are planned for the summer months. Many girls go on to higher education after graduation at Vashti School. Some work their way and some are aided by scholarships. Some become nurses or technicians, some teachers, and many establish Christian homes. Some have become deaconesses or other full time Christian workers, and some have become ministers' wives.

#### ADDITIONAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR SEWARD NURSES HOME, ALASKA

When word came that the Nurses' Home at Seward, Alaska, had burned, the Wesleyan Service Guild asked permission to finance its re-building. The amount to be raised was \$30,000.00, the plan being to raise the money within a two-year period. At the end of three years there is still \$1,718.19 outstanding. This obligation should be cleared as soon as possible, and it is certain that Guild members will want to do their share when they know the situation. Gifts for this fund are credited toward appropriations, but the gifts should be **in addition to the regular pledge**. The money is reported on the local treasurer's blank under **PLEDGE TO MISSIONS** for (a) Guild Projects, and listed on the second page under **Missionary Projects**.

#### ELIZABETH THOMPSON ON LEAVE

Miss Elizabeth Thompson who has been Rural Worker in the Louisiana Conference under the Woman's Division of Christian Service is now taking Sabbatical leave and will study at Emory University. Miss Thompson has served as a Special Interest of the Wesleyan Service Guild since 1950 with headquarters at MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma, La. However, she has been in this Conference for seven years serving in the same capacity as Rural Worker for the Woman's Division and on the Board of Education in Shreveport. The Rural work in Louisiana will continue and the Guilds are asked to continue sending Cash Supplies earmarked Elizabeth Thompson, Rural Work, through the regular channels. Miss Thompson will stay at her home at 212 Kings Highway, Decatur, Ga. while she is studying.

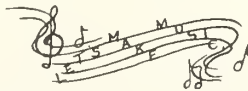
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#### MRS. MINZA RABUN

Mrs. Rabun was a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and joined the Guild in 1940. She served her local Guild as Spiritual Life Chairman, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities Chairman, Treasurer, and President. She served as the Monroe District Secretary for five years.

Mrs. Rabun has always been active in other church work, teaching in the church school continuously since 1939. She has perfect attendance at the seven Guild Week-Ends at Camp Brewer, and has attended all but the first Week-Ends at Mt. Sequoyah. She is the mother of three sons and has three grandchildren. She is employed as a Secretary in the Morehouse Parish Sheriff's office.

Outside of church activities, she has been active in P. T. A., Business and Professional Woman's Club, Good-fellows, Red Cross and Cancer Drive.



**WANTED:** About 15 Guild members to volunteer for choir at Sunday morning worship at Guild weekend. You will have an opportunity to practice on Saturday evening. Interested persons are asked to place a circle around their registration to indicate their willingness to sing in the choir. Let us make this the finest worship service.

#### LOUISIANIAN AT VASHTI SCHOOL



Miss Patsy Alexander moved to Sterlington, La. one year after her birth in Mineola, Texas. She graduated from Ouachita Parish High School, Monroe, in 1949, and entered Northeast Junior College. While there she was a member of the Wesley Foundation and helped to organize the Inter-Faith Council, serving as its first chairman. At this same time she served as student director of Religious Emphasis Week of the College. In 1949 she attended Caravan Training Center in Lake Junaluska, N. C. spending the rest of the summer as a caravan member in North Carolina.

That fall Miss Alexander entered Centenary College, Shreveport, and was a member of the Ministerial Club and Methodist Student Movement. During the summer months she worked in Cuba in two of the Rural Mission Centers of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions. After graduating from Centenary in 1951 with a BA degree in Spanish she entered Scarritt College, Nashville and enrolled in graduate work in Religious Education. Miss Alexander has just completed a course in Home Ec at Northwestern receiving her B. S. degree in Home Economics. While there she was an officer in the Home Economics Club and represented the Wesley Foundation on the Vesper Council. At the present time she is working at the Church of All Nations in New York City as a member of the New York Camp.

When the fall term begins at Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga. Miss Alexander will teach Home Economics and Spanish.



## NATIONAL



MARY GLADYS PAGE

Participating on the program of Guild Weekend to be held at Camp Brewer will be Miss Mary Gladys Page, Amite, who has served since January as one of the six members at large on the National Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild, having been elected by the committee at its Annual Meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. At the same time she was made chairman of the Guild Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

She served as Conference Secretary from 1950, resigning at the second Annual Guild Conference held in March at Baton Rouge. Miss Page is employed as secretary in the law office of Fannie E. Burch, Amite.

Before going to Amite to make her home she had served as District Treasurer of the Woman's Society of the New Orleans District and District Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

## TABERNACLE MOVED

The Tabernacle at Camp Brewer has been moved up near the lighthouse. It is now ready for use. The tabernacle is the open air type and excellent place for worship services and many of the meetings formerly held in the dining hall.

## NEW HANDBOOKS TO BE DISPLAYED AT WEEKEND

The 1952-56 Guild handbook which all members have waited for anxiously will be among Literature on display at Guild Weekend. Miss Grace Lawson will be in charge of Literature. The new handbook may be purchased while at Camp Brewer or ordered direct from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Price 35 cents.

## CRAFT CLASSES

For the Guild members arriving early Friday or Saturday morning there will be craft classes at 8:30 a. m. At this same time those who wish to swim may do so. The New Orleans District will have charge of recreation in the evening.

# GUILD WEEKEND PROGRAM

JULY 24, 25, 26, 1953

CAMP BREWER, LA.

THEME: THE CHRISTIAN AND HER DAILY WORK

## SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 25, 1953

- 5:30—Coffee - dining hall
- 6:00—Worship Service - Vesper Point - Mrs. F. G. Phillips
- 7:30—Breakfast - dining hall  
Individual Quiet Time - Vesper Point during morning as delegates arrive
- 8:00—Registration (Dining Hall Porch)
- 8:30—Hobby Groups:  
"Things to Make" - Mrs. C. P. Staples  
"Splatter Printing" - Veela Cleveland
- 12:30—Luncheon - Dining Hall

## AFTERNOON

- 2:00— Convening Weekend - Mrs. Minza Rabun
- 2:10-2:30—Meditation - Lillian Kennedy
- 2:35— Announcements - Problem Clinic
- 2:40-3:00—Missionary Education - Mrs. Warren Constant
- 3:00-3:40—Introduction to 1953-54 Study Courses
- 4:00-5:00—Workshops  
Treasurers - Mrs. Clara Kennon  
Promotion Secretaries - Mrs. Lee Tidwell
- 5:00-5:30—Recreation (New Orleans District Directing)
- 6:00— Supper (dining hall)
- 7:00— Speaker Gladice Bower
- 7:30— Vespers - Fannie Burch
- 8:00— "Good Night Ladies"

## SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1953

- 6:30—Rising Bell (coffee in dining hall)
- 6:50—Quiet walk to Vesper Point
- 7:00—Morning Watch - Fannie Burch
- 7:30—Breakfast (dining hall)
- 8:00—Executive Committee Meeting
- 9:00—Guild Goals - Monroe District
- 9:20—Special Interests and Supplies - Mrs. Sam Dunbar
- 9:30—Problem Clinic
- 9:50—Coffee (dining room)
- 10:00—District Reports and Summary
- 11:00—Worship Service  
"The Christian and Her Daily Work" - Gladice Bower
- 12:15—Dinner
- 2:30—District Meetings



# GUILD TIMES

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### TIME FOR THE TIMES

Last July the first issue of Guild Times was published in sheer exasperation for lack any other promotional piece on the forthcoming Guild weekend. While we always hoped that such a paper could be published it was not the intention of this writer to start it. Since the response to that edition was wonderful and many requests that the paper be continued were received, the committee discussed it both at Brewer and at its meeting held November 7-8 in Alexandria. While the committee knows that we need such a paper as a source of information for all Guild members and the members would like to have a Guild paper, there is always the inevitable question of financial support. Such a paper is cultivation and should be supported by the cultivation fund. In our Conference not all local units contribute toward the cultivation fund. (See Cultivation story inside page)

After considerable discussion the Executive Committee decided that another edition of GUILD TIMES be published at the expense of District Cultivation and that the matter be presented to all Guild members. It was the intention of this committee to try publishing this paper on an experimental basis the following months: October, January, April and July. The cost per member would be 25c per quarter with individual members subscribing through their local Guild at \$1.00 per member per year.

It isn't the intention to publish this to take the place of any publication which promotes the work of the Woman's Division. It is the hope that this paper will encourage the reading and use of THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK and any other periodical for use in our work.

We trust that the Guild Times will become an informative and inspirational newspaper in the Louisiana Conference bringing news, help, and information within our Conference and be a means of creating a bond between the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild through those who serve on the District and Conference Guild committees.

With this edition of the paper you will find subscription forms for use in each local Guild. We would like to have your response, constructive criticism, and subscriptions.

### SPRING CONFERENCE MEETS IN NEW ORLEANS . .

#### GUILD WEEKEND July 30-31, Aug. 1

Due to conflicting camp meetings the date of our annual Guild Weekend held at Camp Brewer has been tentatively changed to July 30-31, and August 1. Mrs. Lucille McMurry, Paducah, Ky., one of our "Special Interests", will be a possible resource person.

Other meetings which we as Guild people should keep in mind are:

The Fourth Assembly of Woman's Society of Christian Service to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 25-28 with the national Guild Weekend immediately following. Mrs. Minza Rabun will be the delegate representing the Louisiana Guilds.

The South Central Jurisdiction's School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah will be held June 29-July 6 with Mrs. Neva Rye, Alexandria, and Miss Margaret McGowan, New Orleans as delegates. The weekend during the School of Missions will be the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend.

School of Missions at Shreveport will be August 9-13. There will be a clinic on Wesleyan Service Guild.

#### Conference Speaker



MAGGIE BERGERON  
(See page 2 for information)

#### CONVENES MARCH 27 - 28 AT JUNG HOTEL

The third annual Wesleyan Service Guild Conference will be held in New Orleans on Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28 with registration beginning at 10 A. M. The theme of the conference will be "Let Us Claim Tomorrow".

Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop, Conference Secretary, will open the Conference with her message at 2 P. M. in the Cotillion Room at the Jung Hotel. The afternoon session will consist of the opening devotion, appointment of committees, report of research committee and election of officers.

Miss Joanne Hale, chairman of the registration committee, will also give a report at this time. Some 200 Guild persons are expected to attend the conference from all of Louisiana.

The election of Conference Secretary and Chairman of Spiritual Life will come before the afternoon session as Mrs. Rabun served an unexpired term of one year. Also, the chairman of Spiritual Life will be elected as the Executive Committee in its session November 7 and 8 decided to stagger the terms of offices to coordinate with that of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

At four-thirty the New Orleans Guilds will be hostesses at a tea in the patio of the Christian Woman's Exchange.

The Sacrificial Supper and evening meeting will be held at Felicity Church, the oldest Methodist Church in the City with Miss Ruth Harris from the Woman's Division, New York and Mrs. Maggie Bergeron of Houma as guest speakers. The two speakers will talk on India and American Indians, work which both are very familiar with. Miss Emma Kuntz, Christian Social Relations chairman will be in charge of the Sacrificial Offering Service. The meeting will adjourn in the church with Lillian Kennedy, District Secretary from Baton Rouge, giving the benediction.

On Sunday morning at seven o'clock Mrs. Ruth Van Fleet, Woman's Society member from Felicity Church, will open the program at breakfast with the meditation "Beyond Calvary" at the Hotel. The meeting will reconvene at First Methodist Church at 8:45 A. M. with committee reports and an address by Dr. A. W. Dent, president of Dillard University. The

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## Principal Speakers At Evening Session TO TALK ON TWO SPECIAL INTERESTS

Mrs. D. J. Bergeron and Miss Ruth Harris will be the principal speakers during the evening session of the Guild Conference when it will have its Sacrificial dinner at Felicity Methodist Church. The theme of this dinner will be American Indians and India.

Mrs. Bergeron, who will speak on Bayou Rural Area, is a Methodist minister's daughter. Her father is a pioneer of Methodism in Southern Louisiana. Mrs. Bergeron taught school from 1939 to 1944 at MacDonell Center, Houma, La. During World War II she taught for six years in public schools. In 1950 she again resumed her work at MacDonell teaching the Indians, serving as house-mother for the girls, and later as housemother for the boys. For the past two years she has been working as a Bayou Rural Worker.

The duties of a Bayou Rural Worker are varied. Mrs. Bergeron teaches adult literacy classes for the Indian mothers; helps with four Woman's Societies each month; directs a class on crafts twice a month; assists in the sales room at Dulac and MacDonell; visits during her spare time at Dulac and surrounding communities of Houma, and helps the needy families with clothing sent as Supplies.

During the Christmas season Mrs. Bergeron fixed packages for 60 families with the delivering of the packages lasting until the morning of Christmas.

Miss Ruth Harris a native of Nebraska who is presently on leave of absence as a foreign missionary and now connected with the Department of Christian Social Relations in New York will speak on Public Health Nursing in Vikarabad, India.

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to promote all district and Conference Guild meetings;  
to carry articles on local Guilds when of interest to other units. It is for and by Louisiana Guild Members.

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### LIMITED EDITION

Only five officers in your Guild will receive this paper, won't you share yours with other members?

## Dr. A. W. Dent To Speak Sunday Morning

Dr. A. W. Dent, president of Dillard University, New Orleans, will speak on the subject "Let Us Claim Tomorrow", during our Sunday morning Conference Session beginning at 8:45 A. M., First Methodist Church, St. Charles Avenue. Dr. Dent was chosen as the speaker on Christian Social Relations because of his rare qualifications as a speaker and as a leader for social reform.

As the deadline for printing the Guild Times is near and we have not heard direct from Dr. Dent, we are reprinting herewith a part of an article on his background, which was taken from the Conference News, published by the Woman's Society in March 1947. Dr. Dent will be remembered as a speaker on the Woman's Society's Christian Social Relations Hour at the Annual Conference in Lake Charles in 1947.

For the ten years prior to his appointment as president of Dillard University in 1951, Dr. Dent had been Superintendent of Flint-Goodrich Hospital, a unit of the University. He is a Fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators.

Dr. Dent's activities outside the sphere of his responsibilities as a University President are many and varied. In the health field he has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Tuberculosis Association, the National Organization For Public Health Nursing, the Committee for the Nation's Health and the Hospital Service Association of New Orleans.

Dr. Dent is a member of the American Hospital Association Commission on Hospital Care.

### SPRING CONFERENCE

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conference will adjourn with benediction.

Morning worship will be held in the sanctuary of First Methodist Church at 11 A. M. with Dr. M. H. Melbert, pastor, bringing the message. Buffet luncheon will be served in the recreational room of the church by the hostess Guilds.



Mrs. Minza Rabun Bastrop, Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, will preside at Guild Conference to be held in New Orleans. The election for Conference Secretary will come before the conference during its business session since Mrs. Rabun has just served an unexpired term of one year. Election of a Conference Spiritual Life chairman will also be brought before the body as Mary Gladys Page, who was elected at Guild weekend to fill this office, has moved from the Conference.

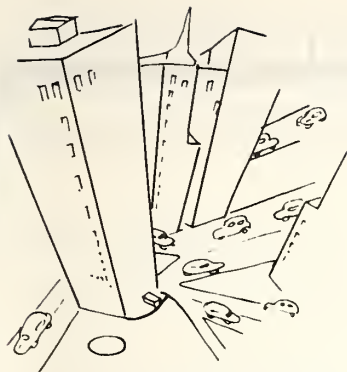
### JUNG HOTEL LOCATED NEXT TO GREYHOUND BUS STATION

To those of you who attend the Conference in New Orleans on March 27-28 and travel by bus it will be of interest to you to know that the Conference Headquarters in the Jung Hotel on Canal Street is located next to the Greyhound Bus Station.

### TRANSPORTATION DURING YOUR STAY IN NEW ORLEANS

The New Orleans District Guild has arranged with local bus service to have two buses at the Jung Hotel to transport Guild members to the tea at the Christian Woman's Exchange, Felicity Methodist Church, and First Methodist Church. Tickets will be included in the envelope given to you when registering. The ticket will designate which of the two buses to take.





NEW ORLEANS



JUNG HOTEL



FELICITY CHURCH  
and FIRST METHODIST



## When?

Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28, 1954. Closing will be Sunday lunch, 12 o'clock.

## Where?

JUNG HOTEL, New Orleans, La., Canal Street. Registration beginning 10 A. M., rooms 7 and 8. If you are arriving by bus, Jung Hotel is located next to the Greyhound Bus Station.



## Who?

All Wesleyan Service Guild members, and prospective members. Woman's Society members are invited to attend. Each local unit should send a delegate.

## What?

The program theme "Let us Claim Tomorrow". Outstanding speaker on Christian Social Relations and speakers on the Guild's "Special Interest".

Fellowship  
Election

Committee Reports  
Worship



## Cost?

### Room Rates

Single Room and bath	\$6.50		
Double Room and bath	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$11.00
Twin Beds	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$12.00
Plus 3% tax			

### Meals

Saturday evening	\$1.25	(Sacrificial Dinner)
Breakfast	\$1.50	(Hotel)

## Reservations:

Make your own hotel reservation at the Jung Hotel BEFORE MARCH 20.

Please mail reservations for Saturday evening dinner and Sunday breakfast before March 20 to:



Day Phone  
Magnolia  
7935

MISS JOANNE HALE  
524 Royal St.  
New Orleans, La.

Night Phone  
Canal  
8194

Registration blanks will be mailed to your president in mid-February.

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY**

If for some reason you cannot attend the conference after making hotel and meal reservations, won't you please cancel both?

A "Preview" Glance at Our Calendar Reveals Highlights of the 1954 Annual Guild Conference.

MARCH  
27  
SATURDAY

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

9:00 Arrive at Conference Headquarters—Jung Hotel next to Greyhound Bus Station—Canal Street

10:00 Registration at the Jung Hotel, rooms 7 and 8

10:30 Conference Executive Committee Meeting, Arnaud's

12:00 Executive Committee Meeting Luncheon at Arnaud's Restaurant

2:00 Opening of Conference, worship, reports, business with Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary presiding in the Cotillion Room, Jung Hotel

4:30 Tea at Christian Woman's Exchange, 818 St. Louis St. in the heart of the Vieux Carre. Take bus chartered by Guild.

7:00 Supper meeting, Felicity Methodist Church, 1818 Chestnut Street, oldest Methodist Church in New Orleans. Sacrificial and Love Offering given at this time for our two Supply "Special Interests"

8:15 Ruth Harris and Maggie Bergeron will speak.

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7:00 Quiet Breakfast, Green Room, Jung Hotel with Ruth Van Fleet bringing message "Beyond Calvary"

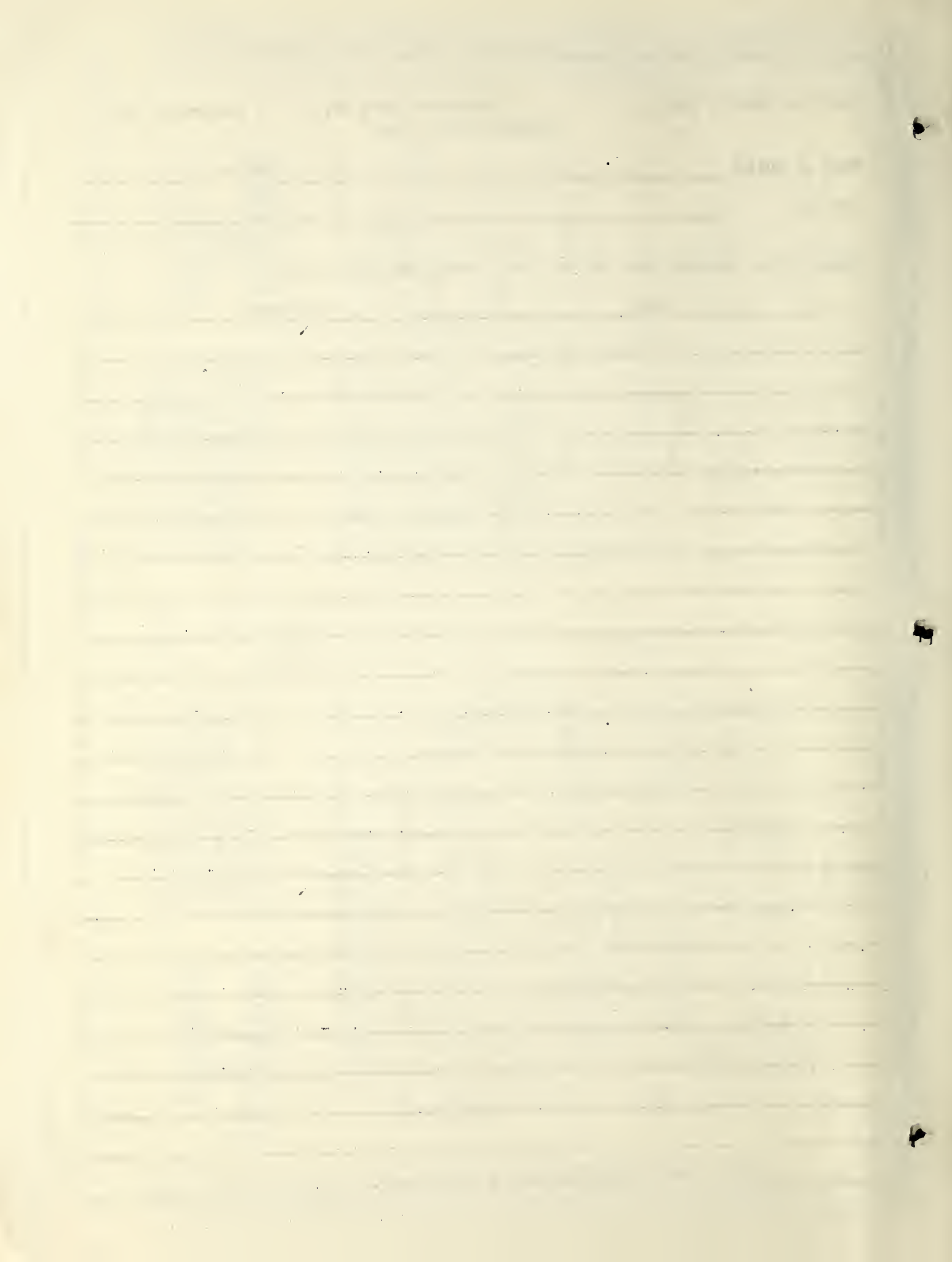
8:45 Morning Session at First Methodist Church, St. Charles Ave., near Lee Circle; business; address by Dr. Dent and adjournment of Conference.

11:00 Morning Worship—Dr. M. H. Melbert, pastor of First Methodist, bringing message.

12:15 Buffet Luncheon—the District Guilds, hostesses.











## SUPPLY WORK—Louisiana and India

In order to systematize the giving of supply materials, Supply Work askings will come to the Guild through the secretary of Supply Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Here in the Louisiana Conference we are asked to give first to the two Special Interests for Supply work designated as the sole responsibility of Guilds in the South Central Jurisdiction. They are:

Home: Louisiana Rural Work

Foreign: Public Health and Nursing Education in India.

Cash for Supply Work designated for any one of the Guild Special Interests may be sent after we first take care of the above.

We are printing two letters below, one from Maggie Bergeron, Houma, La., who is a rural worker and the other from Eunice LaRue who recently sailed for India as an I-3 worker.

### PUBLIC HEALTH WORK IN INDIA

Of the six Christian Village Centers close to Vikarabad, four have dispensaries with a compounder and nurse in charge. Usually the nurse is also a mid-wife. Through these medical workers and the pastors, the teachers and laymen, Miss Eunice La Rue as a Missionary to India hopes to start some form of health teaching. First she is taught to speak the language of the natives is Teluga. Then she must work with them and find their needs. She hopes to incorporate some health study in the village classes and in the Woman Societies of the Church. Perhaps they can have **Well Baby Clinics and Mother's Clubs.**

Dr. Esther Shoemaker has worked in the Ellen Thoburn Cowan Hospital, our Methodist Hospital in Kolar Town. Here the Woman's Division of Christian Service also has a nurse, Miss Joy Anderson, Superintendent of Nurses, and a dietitian, Miss Maxime Coleman.

At the hospital the nurse gives free milk to babies and children. It is UNICEF milk. The women usually come in with a baby on one hip and two or three skinny little ones hanging to them. They have tin cans, clay pots and metal pots to receive their milk. One day there were 578 people.

Mrs. George, the Public Health Nurse visited the homes of these Indian Women to try to help them with their problems and give them nutrition suggestions.

Some of the homes are very neat and well kept. In a cupboard in the kitchen they keep brightly colored figures which they call their gods. Other homes are dark and overcrowded where the children have crusted eyes and diseases caused by the spread of germs by flies.

In the wealthy homes they have woolen rugs instead of the straw mats. There, the children are sturdy looking, happy, of fine physique and clear shining eyes. Here the mother listens because her three babies had been born in our Methodist Hospital and

The Sacrificial offering taken at our Guild Conference meal at Felicity Methodist Church will be divided between Louisiana Rural Work, and Public Health and Nursing Education in India. Each Guild is asked to bring its offering to be presented during the Sacrificial dinner on Saturday night. If you cannot be present, but would like to send a gift, please send it to Miss Joanne Hale, 524 Royal Street, New Orleans and designate it as such. This offering may be reported as **VALUE OF SUPPLY WORK** on your promotion secretary's report book.

she depended on the nurses' and doctors' suggestions to keep her children well and happy.

### LOUISIANA RURAL WORK

I will tell of two incidents of how you, the Wesleyan Service Guilds helped in making someone have Christmas by sending me two monetary gifts.

During the week of Christmas a telephone call came to me to investigate the needs of a family living about eight miles from Houma on Highway 90. I went to call on the family and found a pitiful situation there. The mother had died and left six children ranging in ages from 4 to 17. The father works on a plantation and the older boy keeps house for the brothers and one sister. The house was dirty and bare of furniture. There was a fruit crate to sit on, two beds, a table, an old kerosene stove, and no linen or blankets to keep them warm. The little ones were so dirty until you could hardly tell whether they were blond or brunette. The father does not want to separate the children and is trying to keep them together. What did I do? I went back to MacDonell and fixed a box of clothes that were sent in our supply, some toys, soap, four blankets that we could spare, and went to the store and bought four sheets with some of the money that was sent in to me to use as I saw fit. The joy on these dirty little faces could make you feel that you have really helped to make Christmas.

The other little face that I still see is the little boy that has had polio and is left a cripple. His vocal chords are paralyzed, his little legs are in braces, and his body is twisted. When his package of toys, clothes, and candy was handed to him, he could not say thank you or laugh out loud, but his little hands were waving up and down and his mouth was wide open trying to laugh in happiness and gratitude that some one had the Christmas Spirit and was sharing with him.



When the standing committee of the Guild met at Camp Brewer they made the following recommendation to the Weekend Conference at its meeting in July, 1953:

**That The District Cultivation Fund be designated as 25c per member throughout the Conference and that the money be included in the First Quarter's Report of the Conference Year.**

It came to the attention of the Conference committee that many units were not sending in any money for Cultivation to be used for District work. Those that were contributing toward the support of the District were sending in varied amounts. It is well to note here that, while the Woman's Society's cultivation per member is smaller, we must consider that they have far more members than the Guild. The same amount of work must therefore be carried on in the Guild at a cost slightly higher per member.

The cultivation fund from each local unit should be mailed with the first quarter treasurer's report. If you do not send it in at that time it may be included with a later report.

This fund is used for such expenses as postage, mimeograph work, telephone calls, programs, expense of speakers for district meetings, etc. These expenses are paid from the District Cultivation fund upon presentation of expenses from the District Secretary of the Guild and approved by the District President and Promotion Secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. If you as a local Guild fail to furnish this fund, it means that special offerings must be taken at meetings and in all probability your District Secretary will carry on her promotional work at her personal expense rather than see the work go undone. Stand behind her in this important matter.

If you have not included your Cultivation fund in your remittance for the current year, won't you please do so on your last report which is due in April? We trust that when you make your budget for the coming year you will be sure to make it 25c per member and include it in your first quarter's report.





## MRS. BENDER TO SPEAK ON UN AT DISTRICT MEETINGS



MARGARET R. BENDER

Mrs. Clifford A. Bender, official observer at the United Nations, for the Woman's Division of Christian Service will speak before three District Wesleyan Service Guild meetings during the month of February.

The schedule at the present time is:

Alexandria District, First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Friday, February 26, 7:30 P. M.

New Orleans District, Wesley Foundation, Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Shreveport District, Monday, Feb. 22.

The above meetings will be held during the evening for Wesleyan Service Guild members. For further information on time and place it will be announced by your District Secretary.

Mrs. Bender is Associate Secretary, Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church activities for the Woman's Division of Christian Service. She is a native of Woodbine, Iowa, but spent her school life in Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Bender graduated from the University of Washington; attended the University of Upsala in Sweden, under a Scandinavian-American Scholarship and did graduate work at Columbia University in International Relations. She attended the Stockholm Church Conference on Life and work in 1925.

## STUDY NEWS

### An Outlook on Alcohol and Christian Responsibility

**Women** 42% of all persons over 15 years of age who drink are women. 1 million girls and women are bar-maids.

**Millions of people are spending billions of dollars** for liquor. The U. S. Expenditure for all alcoholic beverages during 1952 was reported by the Department of Commerce as \$9,570,000,000.00.

The 1953 total based on a preliminary statement may have exceeded **TEN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS.**

**There are more than 480,000 saloons, bars, taverns and package liquor stores** in America, - significantly far more than the total number of churches.

**The Conference Secretary** of Christian Social Relations, W. S. C. S., Mrs. Charles Goldthwait, urges that all Wesleyan Service Guilds use the study "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility" even though they may not take it for Jurisdiction Recognition. She brought out the fact that we are supporting an educational program in High Schools in Louisiana making the youth aware of the problems of alcohol and that we too should know what is being taught.

**Our responsibility now** is to send 25¢ a member designated for the Alcohol Fund through the treasurer of the Woman's Society. The gift should be given as soon as possible and each year during this quadrennium since it is a continuing Christian Social Relations project in the Conference to contribute \$3,000 annually to the support of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

### TREASURE CHEST TO BE REPORTED IN APRIL

The Treasurer Chest which was distributed among the members earlier in the year will be reported on the last quarter's report in April. There is a very interesting skit in the January, 1954, issue of the METHO-DIST WOMAN, Page 17, for use in

bringing in the Treasure Chests at the close of the year.

The amount brought in will be turned over to the treasurer and she will report it by writing in **Offering for Treasure Chests** under the heading for Mission Pledge. On your ANNUAL report please include it in the Pledge to Missions column.



Pictured above is a group of Guild members who met in New Orleans recently and discussed the annual Guild Conference to be held March 27-28. From left to right: Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Opelousas, taking notes for Guild paper; Mrs. Katie Cook, member of a hostess Guild at Carrollton Ave. Church; Miss Joanne Hale, President of St. Mark's Guild and registrar for Guild Conference; and Miss Margaret McGowan, New Orleans District Secretary who is general Chairman of the conference. Also in the group but not shown was Miss Emma Kuntz, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations.



# GUILD TIMES

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

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OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

July, 1954

## OUR GREATEST DIFFICULTY. . . .

(Editor's Note: All of us are concerned with interesting new members and keeping up attendance at Guild meetings. During the months to come the total Guild program must be improved so that it will challenge new women to membership and present members to renewed activity. Women are attracted to an alert, up-to-the minute, work organization. The article below is written with the thought in mind that the suggestions presented is a possible solution.)

Our Greatest difficulty is—increasing membership in our Guild. Familiar words aren't they?

"The Guild has grown in all directions except membership," according to Mrs. Glenn Laskey in her talk at Guild Conference.

Isn't it strange that we have given more, our local units increased, Conference meetings, Guild Weekends and District Meetings are well attended, studied more and then not grow in membership. During the year just gone by we gained 204 members in our Conference but lost about that many too.

At district meetings where local Guilds have given reports of their unit, 3 out of 10 will make the "report" our greatest difficulty is increasing membership or lack of attendance". Perhaps, if you were to discuss this in your local group on how to increase membership one would suggest that we should have more enthusiasm about the Guild. Turn to your dictionary and look up the meaning of enthusiasm. It means to be possessed by God.

It has been well said that the Wesleyan Service Guild is an organization that offers you a plus over other groups—besides civic, cultural and social it offers the enrichment of spiritual life. We are Christians and we are a part of a church organization. Why is it then with this "Plus" in the Guild that we do not put enthusiasm to work? When the cause of Christ is buried so deep in our hearts, that we do not think of ourselves, but are willing to give of our time, talents, and gifts, then we will reach our fellowmen. Yet we do not win others in the fellowship of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

If we are so inspired by the divine power of God, is it not possible that enthusiasm would be the secret of winning others into the Guild? Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm. A little more, a great deal more, of that enthusiasm and we will be able to reach many more new members.

We certainly have everything in the Guild to generate enthusiasm. We have our Guild Weekend with its workshops that helps the officers so that they are better prepared to carry through their duties. We have Guild Conferences for inspiration and District meetings where many of us exchange ideas with others through our reports.

We have studies and monthly programs to gain knowledge of the work of the Woman's Division. Knowledge turns into faith and power. This generates enthusiasm. As your knowledge increases, your vision broadens, your imagination quickens, and these generate enthusiasm. Attitude generates enthusiasm. This depends a lot upon the spiritual life of each member.

We have all that it takes but lack the enthusiasm.

Let me tell you a story that I read recently about the advantage of enthusiasm. "Peter Apple of Oakland, Marion County, Ind., was recruited for the Eleventh Regiment of that State, and took part in the attempt to storm one of the Vicksburg batteries. The rebel fire was so destructive, that the Union forces recoiled. Apple, the "raw recruit", "didn't see" the backward movement, and kept going ahead until he came up to one of the rebel guns, caught a gunner by the collar, and brought him within their lines, saying, "Boys, why didn't you come on? Every fellow might have got one."

Now I am not advocating that you grab them by the collar. But I say that "every fellow might get one". Let us see what can be done by concentrating and pulling our group together. It turns work into a hobby. Inject yourself into the job, lose yourself in what you are doing, and you will not be conscious of time or effort. Time will not matter. We need to combat the idea that it requires more time than we have to give, it is not more time that is needed, it is enthusiasm.

## Guild Weekend

JULY 30, 31 - AUGUST 1

(Due to increased attendance at Guild Weekends you are urged to mail your reservation on the enclosed card before July 25, to Mrs. R. G. Eason, 2315 Hill Street, Alexandria.)

The Eighth Annual Guild Weekend will be held July 30-31, August 1 at Camp Brewer, convening at 2 p. m. Saturday with Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary, presiding. The theme of the Weekend meeting will be "Show Us Anew, Thy Wondrous Power".

Many Guild members are expected to arrive on Friday evening for a weekend of fellowship and to attend craft classes on Saturday morning. Registration will begin at 8 a. m. Saturday with Mrs. Neva Rye registering the members on the dining hall porch.

Guild Weekend is for inspiration, information, education and fellowship. Through it facts concerning study courses will be presented by those who attended the School of Missions at Mt Sequoyah. Miss Grace Lawson, Chairman of Missionary Education, will preside. The program provides opportunities for worship together with Miss Helen Adams, Chairman. There will be worship service at Vesper Point at 6 a. m. Saturday morning.

On Saturday evening Miss Emma Kuntz and Mrs. Charles Goldthwaite will present a program on Christian Social Relations. The night program will consist of a panel discussion led by Mrs. F. G. Phillips, on problems of the Guild and emphasizing membership. Recreation will be under the leadership of the Monroe District.

The Sunday program will begin with morning watch at 7 a. m. and close with dinner by districts. Mrs. C. I. Jones, Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, is expected to be on the morning program.

## PANEL DISCUSSION

Have you any Guild problems you wish solved? If so, just jot them down on a postcard and send them to Mrs. F. G. Phillips, P. O. Box 398, Plain Dealing. Mrs. Phillips is chairman of the panel discussion to be held on Saturday evening and would like very much to hear from you in regard to any phase of the work you wish discussed.





## NEW DISTRICT CREATED BY CHURCH CONFERENCE

At the recent Annual Church Conference in Monroe an eighth district was created in the southern part of our Conference. The churches have long felt a need for this new district in Louisiana. From a geographic standpoint the Lafayette District will greatly help in District Guild work for the local units transferred into that district as most of these units were at the "end" of a District and lacked participation in District meetings.

The transfer affected four church districts, however, in this area there are only five Guilds. The local units are: Abbeville, Rayne and New Iberia from the Lake Charles District; Franklin from the New Orleans District and Opelousas from the Alexandria District. There are unlimited opportunities of organizing Guilds in those areas where none are in existence at the present.

Miss Marilynn Jane Carter, of New Iberia was elected for a two year term as District Secretary for the Lafayette district when the Guild held its organizational meeting on Sunday, June 13 at the New Iberia Park.

Among others elected were: Mrs. Francis Hollier of Abbeville, Chairman of Missionary Education, Mrs. Hazel Golson, Opelousas, Chairman of Christian Social Relations; Miss Ann Kirksiesk, Franklin, Chairman of Spiritual Life and Mrs. Adam Hebert, Rayne, Recording Secretary.

The picnic meeting was opened with a worship service by Miss Helen Adams, Lake Charles, Conference Spiritual Life Chairman, using the theme "Jesus Christ—The Way". Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop, Conference Guild Secretary, presided. Mrs. Rabun gave some of the highlights of the National Assembly meeting of the Woman's Society and the National Guild Week-end held in May at Milwaukee.

The newly elected officers were installed by Rev. Wendt, pastor of New Iberia. Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Crowley, District President of the Woman's Society and Mrs. George R. Thomas, Lafayette, District Promotion Secretary, were present at the meeting. Mrs. Paul Laissiegne, Rayne, District Treasurer, is also a member of the Guild committee. The two elected members of the Woman's Society to serve on the District Committee will be chosen when the committee has its first meeting.

Miss Carter is president of the New Iberia Guild. She also serves as assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Church and Secretary of the Official Board and Associate Matron of the Eastern Star. She is employed as assistant accountant for an Accountant and Tax consultant. Marilynn plays on the Methodist baseball team of the Interdenominational Church League and her other hobby is reading.



MARILYNN JANE CARTER

## Alexandria District

On Sunday, May 2, the Alexandria District held its meeting at the First Methodist Church with Mrs. Neva Rye, District Secretary, presiding. Registration and luncheon were held in the educational building.

Eight of the eleven local Guilds answered roll call with fifty persons attending the meeting. Mrs. Marion Jackson, Winnfield, opened the meeting with devotional in the church sanctuary. The principal speakers for the afternoon program were Mrs. C. W. Tebow, Bunkie, District Promotion Secretary of the Woman's Society who spoke on the cooperation between the two organizations and Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Guild Secretary.

District reports were given. Mrs. Ruth Cowell, Pineville, was elected district chairman of Christian Social Relations to succeed Mrs. Hazel Golson, Opelousas, since the Opelousas Guild was to be transferred to the newly created Lafayette District.

## LITERATURE

All new literature will be available at Camp Brewer. Miss Marilynn Carter, New Iberia, is chairman of the Literature table. You may purchase it there or place your order for literature to be mailed to you.

## Baton Rouge District

At their annual meeting on June 6, 1954, the Baton Rouge District re-elected Miss Lillian Kennedy as district secretary. The members voted to create the office of associate secretary and Miss Eleanor Fleming of Baton Rouge was named to fill this post.

Hostess for the meeting, which included a devotional, group instruction meetings, a business session and a social hour, were members of the Guild of First Methodist Church at Baton Rouge. Attending the meeting were representatives from ten of the twelve Guilds in the district.

The devotional service was held in the W. R. Aldrich Memorial Chapel with Miss Kennedy in charge of the program. Miss Joan Boyd presented special music, singing "Breathe on Me, Breath of God." She was accompanied on the organ by Miss Marcella Flynt.

Officers training was given in two groups. In the first group, Mrs. C. I. Jones, president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, spoke on the office of president, while the talk on the office of Vice-President was given by Mrs. Otto Heintz. Mrs. H. M. Wagner gave instruction on the office of promotion secretary, and Mrs. William Irving spoke on the duties of the chairman of spiritual life. Mrs. Heintz, Mrs. Wagner, and Mrs. Irving are officers in the Baton Rouge District Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The second group was conducted by Mrs. Sybil Farr, District Guild Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

A highlight of the meeting were reports from the Assembly of the Woman's Division of Christian Service which was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin late in May. Presenting the reports were Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Sam Dunbar, Jurisdiction Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. R. O. Coopender, and Mrs. Frank Peabody, both District Woman's Society officers.

Mrs. Myrtle Gordon served as chairman for the social hour which was held in the Church Parlor. Some fifty-five members of the District Guilds and Woman's Society were in attendance at the meeting.

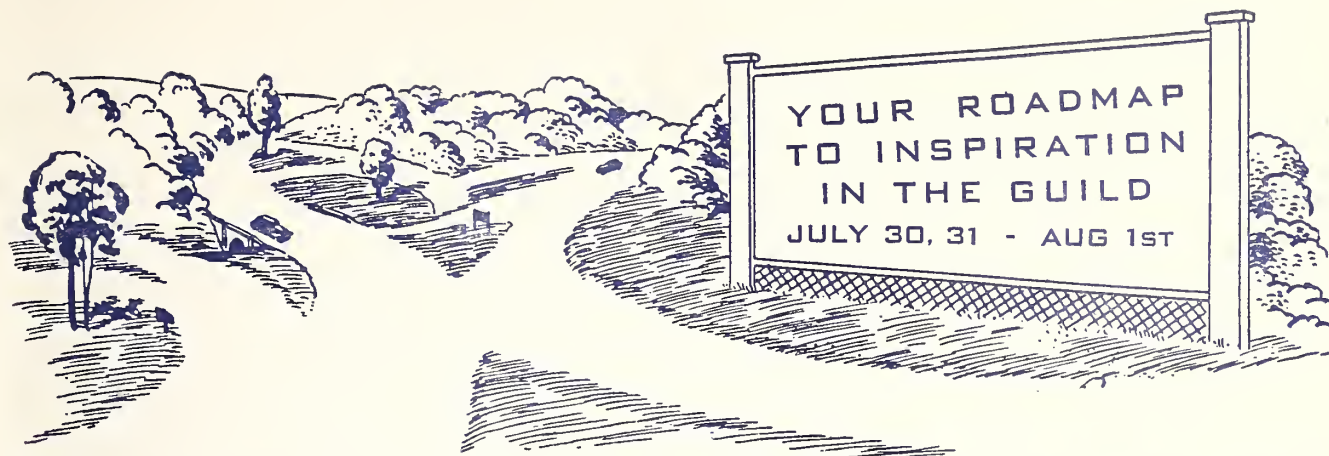
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## Tentative Program GUILD WEEKEND July 30-31, Aug. 1, 1954

**Theme: "Show Us Anew, Thy Wondrous Power."**

### FRIDAY, JULY 30

No program planned—bring your own supper

### SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1954

- 5:30—Coffee-dining hall
- 6:00—Worship Service--Vesper Point, Helen Adams, Chairman
- 7:30—Breakfast-dining hall
- 8:00—Registration (Dining Hall Porch) Mrs. Neva Rye
- 8:30—Hobby Groups:  
Mrs. Corneila P. Staples - Miss Mary Sue Staples
- 12:30—Luncheon-Dining Hall

#### AFTERNOON

- 2:00—Convening Weekend, Mrs. Minza Rabun
- 2:10—Meditation  
Announcements
- 2:40—Presentation of Approved Study materials and courses, Miss Grace Lawson, Presiding  
"Man and God in the City", Mrs. Neva Rye  
"Christianity and Wealth", Miss Lillian Kennedy  
"Under Three Flags", Miss Margaret McGowan  
"The Master Calleth for Thee", Mrs. Minza Rabun
- 4:10—Informal Sing
- 4:25—Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities:  
Study and Discussion—Miss Emma Kuntz, Presiding

#### SATURDAY EVENING

- 6:30—Supper
- 7:30—Outdoor vesper service
- 8:00—Panel Discussion, Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Presiding
- 9:00—Recreation--Monroe District--Mrs. T. D. Guthrie

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 1954

- 6:00—Rising Bell
- 6:30—Coffee in dining hall
- 6:50—Quiet Walk to Vesper Point
- 7:00—Morning Watch
- 7:30—Breakfast (dining hall)
- 8:00—Executive Committee Meeting
- 8:45—Spiritual Life Enrichment, study and discussion  
Miss Helen Adams
- 9:45—Free Time
- 11:00—Worship Service -- Speaker, Mrs. C. I. Jones
- 12:15—Dinner - by districts

## Registration Information

Mail Registration card included with this paper

before July 25 to  
**MRS. R. G. EASON**  
2315 Hill Street - Phone 9962  
Alexandria, La.

- When?** Friday, July 30 through Sunday, August 1. Camp will be open Friday night for the early arrivals. (Bring your own Friday night supper). Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a. m. Saturday.
- Where?** CAMP BREWER, near Forest Hill, La. Highway 165, South of Alexandria.  
If you are arriving by bus or train in Alexandria, please advise so that you may be met.
- Who?** All Wesleyan Service Guild members, and prospective members. Woman's Society members are invited to attend.
- What?** A program emphasizing membership and Widening Fellowship  
Enjoy fun and fellowship
- What to bring?** Sheets and pillow and case for single bed  
Towels  
Bathing suit, etc.
- Cost:** \$5.00 is total cost for one person for full Weekend. To be paid on arrival. If you attend part of the time the cost will be accordingly. Insurance fee is included in the above amount and is to be paid with registration whether you attend one day or both days.
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| Saturday breakfast .....                                 | \$.50  |
| Saturday lunch .....                                     | .75    |
| Saturday supper .....                                    | .75    |
| Ground fee per day .....                                 | .25    |
| Registration and Insurance for<br>one or both days ..... | 1.00   |
| Total cost Saturday only .....                           | \$3.25 |
| Sunday breakfast .....                                   | \$.50  |
| Sunday dinner .....                                      | 1.00   |
| Ground fee per day .....                                 | .25    |
| Total Cost Sunday only .....                             | \$2.75 |
- Registration:** Mail registration early. Registration fee is included in total cost and paid on arrival.
- Insurance:** Insurance fee is included in the cost of registration and will cover you from the time you leave home until you return. It will cover accidents, and illness, etc.



### LOCAL GUILD SUGGESTIONS NEEDED

In the next issue of GUILD TIMES we would like to give you some of the answers on how to increase membership. How about your answers on how you solved this? These are some of the questions:

How do you encourage new members?

Why do women join your group?

How can we get more women into our Guild?

We need suggestions coming from local Guilds and will print them in our fall edition. The deadline is September 1.

Your suggestions on highest use of leisure time will also be used. Send them to your editor.

### MRS CORNELIA STAPLES LA. MOTHER OF YEAR

Mrs. Cornelia Staples, past president of the Opelousas Guild, was made the 1954 La. Mother of the Year. She was honored at a public reception on April 25. The local Guild honored Mrs. Staples on Mother's Day at Church Service with a life membership.

### FORMER DISTRICT SEC. RUNS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Miss Fannie Burch, Amite, former Baton Rouge Secretary, announced her candidacy recently, according to a Baton Rouge newspaper, for the office of District Judge in Tangipahoa Parish. The election is to be held in July.

### ALCOHOL FUND LAGGING

The Alcohol Fund which helps support the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation is definitely lagging. At the end of the year there was a total of \$321.67 contributed by the Guilds toward their part in this Christian Social Relations activity in this Conference. This is a per capita giving of .17 per member. At the end of the first quarter for the new year let us send 25c per member toward our share. This amount could be included in your budget each year; write in the line on your treasurers report "Alcohol Fund"; and enter it on your report as part of your Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

### REGISTRATION FEE

The total cost of Guild Weekend this year is slightly more thereby covering expense of craft classes and insurance.

## Four New Units in 1953-54

Four new Wesleyan Guilds organized in our Conference during the past year. They are: Ingleside, Baton Rouge, Mrs. F. J. Rowe, president, with a membership of 14; Franklin, Mrs. Spencer Todd, president, membership of 15. Canal Methodist, New Orleans, Mrs. Ann Rae Eady, President, 5 members; Mangum Memorial—Unit 3—Shreveport, Mrs. Dollie Brown, President, and 5 members.

We are happy to see the number of local units in Louisiana increasing and welcome them into the fellowship of the Guild.

### TREASURER FIGURES

The following figures are taken from the annual treasurer's report and we feel you may be interested in knowing them.

Cultivation Fund \$218.75

Week of Prayer \$877.87.

Treasure Chests \$699.33

Cash Supplies \$2,192.13

Life memberships \$1,295.00

The per capita giving to missions was \$7.23. The per capita giving to cultivation was 12c, when actually it should be 25c per member.

## Goals 1952-56 Disciples One and All

The voice that woke the Hills of Galilee

Speaks out today, to You - to Me -  
Be still and hear that Glorious Voice:  
Stop: Think: Then, you will have no choice

But to rise and go the Master's way,  
Sowing seeds of His Kingdom the live-long day.

His aims and purpose you will fulfill  
As you ascend that steep and rugged Hill;

Seeking Christian Fellowship, and  
teaching His Word.

The story of Missions, O! let it be heard

Around the world, from shore to shore.

The roll call sounds, distances disappear.

With Christian Discipleship, peace will be here.

We are His Disciples, one and ALL!  
Don't wait, Go now, Heed the Call! ! !

(Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, Bastrop, wrote the above poem on Guild Goals which appeared on the program for the Monroe District Guild.)

## NO APRIL ISSUE

GUILD TIMES was not published during the month of April due to the lack of funds. In view of having just started the publication of "Guild Times" we did not want to publish another issue until we had adequate support. GUILD TIMES has been received very well through-out the Conference but we need more of you reading and supporting this paper so that it may become more effective. The blank below could be given to a fellow member to send to us. Please note that it indicates 25c per quarter for the balance of the year. This is to prevent record keeping thereby making all subscriptions expire at the same time. This will eliminate the expense of sending expiration notices during the year. However, we do want others to join in the support of this paper at any time during the year.

If the name or address on your paper is not correct, or if you know of someone who subscribed and did not receive a copy of GUILD TIMES please notify your editor.

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## Ruston District



**SUE BATTON**

Miss Sue Batton, Minden, was elected District Secretary of the Ruston District when they held their meeting on April 12 in Minden. Miss Batton succeeds Mrs. Mildred Baxter of Farmerville who served in that office for the past two years.

Before the Conference Guild was organized with its committee chairmen, Miss Batton served on the Christian Social Relations Committee channeling materials between the WSCS and Wesleyan Guild. She has served two terms as local Guild president and on various other committees.

Miss Batton is President of Webster Finance Corporation in Minden. Her education includes Business Administration at Centenary College and also Business Administration and law at Tulane University. She belongs to many clubs both Civic and Social. She is a member of the Eastern Star, but at present devoting most of her time to Church work. At First Methodist Church she is a choir member; a teacher in the Intermediate Department; and a member of the Finance Committee.

## Lake Charles

At the time **Guild Times** was going to press, Lake Charles District Guild was planning their District meeting for Sunday, June 27 in Welsh. At this meeting they will elect a District Secretary to succeed Miss Helen Adams who has served in that capacity for eight years.

Several of the local units are planning to hold officers training day. More Guilds had Study Courses during the year than ever before, several taking all four study courses.

They are already making plans for the annual Spring Conference in 1955 at Lake Charles First Church.

### CHOIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for choir at Guild Weekend. Please indicate on registration if you will volunteer.

## Monroe District

The Monroe District Guild held its Tenth Annual District meeting in Oak Grove on Sunday, April 25 with Mrs. Tom (Ruth) Guthrie presiding. Sixty-eight members registered for this meeting which began with morning worship service at the church. Dinner was served at the School Cafeteria with Mrs. J. V. Sims of the W. S. C. S. welcoming the group and Miss Tera Calhoun, President of the Oak Grove Guild introduced the guests.

Mrs. Guthrie was re-elected secretary. Mrs. Kay Russell, Lake Providence was elected Recording Secretary, and Miss Roxie William, Winnsboro, Chairman of Christian Social Relations. Mrs. Robert Lee, Columbia and Mrs. Webb Williams, Tallulah, were elected to serve as Woman Society members-at large to serve on the district committee.

Among action taken at their meeting was a committee composed of Mrs. Daisy Bergeron and Miss Elizabeth Langford to send letters to the legislators recommending the appointment of a little Kefauver Committee to investigate crime in Louisiana.

On Sunday, June 6 the Monroe District held an Officers Training Day in Bastrop. Over 40 people attended this meeting. All phases of the work was discussed. The District Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. S. E. Cathey, Bastrop, opened the meeting. Officers training followed. Mrs. E. N. Jackson of Monroe closed the meeting with a report of the National Assembly.

## New Orleans District

Miss Joanne Hale opened the New Orleans District meeting on Sunday, May 16 with a devotional on Prayer. The meeting was presided over by Miss Margaret McGowan, District Secretary.

A message by both the Conference President of the Woman's Society, Mrs. C. I. Jones, and out-going District President, Mrs. E. S. Middleton, was given.

The group of fifty persons attending the meeting at Rayne Memorial Church broke up into smaller groups for officer training during the evening. Among the leaders of the various officer groups were: Presidents, Mrs. Robert Jackson; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Willa Ray Jones; Promotion Secretaries, Miss Emma Kuntz; Treasurers, Mrs. Katie Cooke; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Charles Goldthwaite; Spiritual Life, Miss Joanne Hale; Missionary Education, Mrs. Opal Looby; Supply Work, Mrs. Sam Dunbar.

Mrs. Goldthwaite, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations gave a talk and told of the need of cooperation with the Guild and what a good job we could do together. Mrs. Sam Dunbar talked on Supply Work.

## Shreveport District



**MISS ARLINE TYLER**

Miss Arline Tyler, 2407 Gilbert, Shreveport, was elected District Secretary to succeed Mrs. F. G. (Ruby) Phillips, Plain Dealing, who served in that capacity the past four years, at their district meeting on April 25.

The theme of their meeting was "Jesus Christ—The Way" with Mrs. Phillips presiding. Eighty persons attended the meeting held at First Methodist Church, Shreveport. Mrs. Reuben Smith opened the meeting with pray. Mrs. George Sexton, Jr. brought the message on "Signposts of the Way".

Among others elected were Mrs. Ila Valentine, Rt. 2, Box 338 G, Shreveport, Chairman of Missionary Education and Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, P. O. Box 711, Mansfield, Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

Miss Tyler, a native of Zwolle, La., is a former Deaconess under the Woman's Division of Christian Service. She served in Alabama and Missouri for eight years. At present she is a public school teacher in Shreveport and a member of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport. She is a graduate of Northwestern State College and did graduate work in the field of Religious Education at Scarritt.

Shreveport district reports one new unit during the year and that the annual reports from all Guilds are the best in their history. The district contributed \$69.00 to the Alcohol Fund; completed eight studies for J. R. Credit and ten members attended annual Guild Conference in New Orleans.

On September 25-26 they will hold their second Guild Weekend.

Mrs. Phillips is working on a history of the Shreveport District complete with art work done by Mrs. B. D. Rogers. It is a most interesting book showing the programs, pictures, and minutes of their district meetings and will include history of each local unit.





## Highlights of Annual Conference

Without an April issue we could not tell you some of the highlights of Annual Guild Conference held in New Orleans. Mrs. Minza Rabun, of Bastrop, was re-elected for a four year term as Conference Guild Secretary. Miss Helen Adams, Lake Charles, was elected as Spiritual Life Leader to succeed Mary Gladys Page who now makes her home in Hazelhurst Miss. Mrs. George Powell, Alexandria, W. S. C. S. Conference Supply Secretary, was elected as one of the Woman's Society members-at-large on the Guild Committee. So was Mrs. Wide-man Watson of Homer. Mrs. J. H. McSween will be new on the Standing Guild Committee by virtue of her office; she is now Conference treasurer. The Sacrificial offering was \$305.86 which was sent to Public Health Nursing in India. Mrs. C. I. Jones announcement that she has just received a wire from the Board of Missions that Guild member Martha Coldwell of W. Monroe had been accepted for life time service was a complete surprise to Martha's mother who was attending Guild conference. Those of you who did not attend really missed something by not meeting Ruth Harris...her glowing personality and enthusiasm well indicated that her life is dedicated to Christ.

MISS HELEN ADAMS



Miss Helen Adams, Lake Charles, was elected Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life at the spring meeting held in New Orleans. She will be chairman of all worship services at the Guild Weekend program.

Miss Adams is out-going District Secretary of the Lake Charles District. She is office supervisor in an insurance agency having been employed by that firm for 15 years. She is president of Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs of Louisiana.

She is a member of the Official Board of First Methodist Church and a member on the Commissions on Membership and Evangelism and Missions and teaches a class in Intermediate Dept. in the Church School.

## Guild Month Changed to January

At the Standing Committee meeting in Buck Hills Falls last January they changed Guild Month from October to January. Many requests, according to the Wesleyan Service Guild office, were received for this change, because October left little time for planning since so many Guilds do not have meetings in the summer months.

This is an annual observance recognizing the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Why not plan a newspaper article or radio skit to give your community information about the Guild; its work on missionary projects, as well as local activities? We feel sure they would welcome pictures and news article.

Get to know your local woman's editor of your newspaper and acquaint her with the work of the Guild and most likely she will "feature" your Guild and promote our work. A local newspaper person covers many an event and its humanly impossible for her to know what every organization is about. Prepare your "Guild Month" story well in advance and make an appointment with your local paper for pictures, etc. A story well planned will be a story well-read.

Guild Month should not only consist of publicity, but also each local Guild could have a joint meeting with the Woman's Society. Your group could plan a special meeting and invite prospective members to be your guest.

Guild Times will welcome any suggestions on what you have done to promote Guild Month in the past and they will be used in our October issue.

## WORLD OUTLOOKS CARRIES ARTICLE ON E. THOMPSON

In the June issue of WORLD OUTLOOK appears a picture story on part of the work of Miss Elizabeth Thompson, a rural deaconess recently returned to this Conference after sabbatical leave in her native Decatur, Georgia. The article is "The Church and The Older Person".

Miss Thompson is one of the Guild's "Special Interest" and the Louisiana Rural Work which is part of her duties is our home supply interest in this Jurisdiction. We wish to call your attention that "Cash Supplies" should be sent for this particular phase of work and designated "Louisiana Rural Work", as Miss Thompson's work compromises all of Louisiana and not MacDonnell Methodist Center. This should be sent through your regular quarterly treasurers report.

Miss Thompson's new address is Post Office Box 4156, Shreveport, La.



Members of the Rayne Memorial Guild in New Orleans recently made a tour of MacDonnell Methodist Center, Houma, one of the missions of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in our Conference. Pictured above are (not in order) Mrs. Gabington, Mrs. Willa Ray Jones, Mrs. Maggie Bergeron, (Bayou Rural Worker), Lucille Wells, Elizabeth Wise, Fannie Russ, Mrs. Mona Hayes, Mrs. Johnston, Evelyn Carr, Mrs. George Millard and Mae Stone. The picture was taken by their District Secretary, Miss Margaret McGowan. This group brought supplies to the center.



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### VOLUNTEERS FOR LIFETIME SERVICE



Miss Martha Coldwell, West Monroe, volunteered for lifetime service and her application for training as a deaconess had been received according to announcement made by Mrs. C. I. Jones earlier in the year.

Martha's decision to give up her job, re-enter college, and prepare for full time service in some field of work sponsored by the church, was strengthened and given impetus by the inspiration received at Guild Weekend last year. During her drive home after Guild Weekend with her mother, Mrs. Harriet Russell, who is a Guild member also, they talked of the urgent need now as it had been stressed at the meeting, by Miss Gladice Bower, who was "Special Interest" at Vashti, Ga.

She had been a Guild member at West Monroe church since 1948, and realized that to return to college for two years, then a year of specialized training would not be easy. Her dissatisfaction with her life goal and purposes began to take shape more than a year earlier. Martha was active in the program of her local church and tried to convince herself that was enough.

When Martha and her mother arrived home that night they attended church service and there was an altar call directed to those who wished to commit themselves to full time service. She responded and from that day

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### COMING EVENTS

Week of Prayer	October 25-31
Executive Committee Meeting Alexandria	November 20-21
Guild Month	January, 1955
Guild Weekend	date not set
Schols of Missions, Aug. 8 to 12, 1955	Centenary Campus
Woman's Society, Spring Meeting— March 16-18, in Lake Charles	
Wesleyan Service Guild Spring Meeting— March 19-20 in Lake Charles	

### Tour To Mexico August 1-16, 1955

Late news in regard to the proposed Missionary Tour which the South Central Jurisdiction Guild women will take to Mexico next summer came in after GUILD TIMES had been given to the printers.

According to Mrs. Alice Pletz of San Antonio, Texas Guild members from Louisiana planning to go to on this tour must send reservations to:

Miss Ophelia Keohy  
2245 South Bais d'Arc  
Tyler, Texas

The tour will originate in San Antonio and will go first to Monterrey, on to Saltillo, then to Mexico City. From Mexico City you will take in Taxco, Cuernavaca, Xochimilco—floating gardens, the pyramids and shrines in and around Mexico City.

There will be many other places of interest. They are now working on the itinerary and will have it ready in a few weeks; they must know how many to plan for.

If you expect to go August 1-16, 1955, please send your name, address and Conference to Miss Keohy immediately. The Hotels will require a deposit of \$15.00, so please send this amount along with your request for reservation. In case of cancellation, the deposit will be refunded in full, if cancellation is made 48 hours prior to time of departure. The exact cost and schedule will be announced later. It will be less than \$200.00, with some meals included.

### Coaching Schools Held During Sept.

Conferences throughout the nation this year held their first coaching conference for district officers and members of the Standing Guild Committee. Excellent suggestions for conducting such a meeting on both conference and district levels came from the Division Guild.

The conference consists of two periods of three hours each set aside for presentation of each phase and office in Guild work. Here in Louisiana the conference divided in two from the geographic standpoint and held their meetings on Sunday, Sept. 12, in Baton Rouge and Monroe, with Miss Grace Lawson, Chairman of Missionary Education, leader for those secretaries residing in South Louisiana and Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Guild Secretary, leader for those residing in North Louisiana.

Each of those present had previously assigned a topic she was to present followed by discussion. In addition to discussion on each office information was given on organization, the general program with new and interesting ways of conducting meetings, integration into the program of the church and closed with our relationship with the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The district officers will conduct similar coaching conferences for all members of the local units in her district. These conferences are not only for officers, but everyone, since all members are possible officers.

Shreveport held a Weekend meeting at Camp Caney on September 25 and 26, presenting officers training, however, much emphasis was on the presentation of studies. Among those on their program, according to Arline Tyler, District Secretary, were Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, and Mrs. Ila Voeltine, District Chairman of Missionary Education.

Miss Sue Batton, Ruston District Secretary, with her district committee are formulating plans for a coaching conference October 10 or 17, in Ruston.

The Monroe District will have a weekend retreat on October 23-24 in Bastrop, according to Mrs. T. D. Guthrie. They held their coaching conference in June.

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## The SECRETARY'S Pen

Hello:

May I come in for a little chat? There are so many things I want to talk about, and time is so precious when I am with you.

Perhaps I should begin at the beginning. At our Spring Meeting in New Orleans when you elected me your Conference Secretary you made me very happy, and at the same time I was very humble. Since then things have been happening so fast, never have I seen a fuller Spring and Summer and still there are things to be done.

After our Spring Meeting in March, came the National Assembly at Milwaukee, and I just may say "thank you" for allowing me the privilege of representing you at this wonderful meeting. It was an experience I shall treasure all the days of my life, and I just wish I could share all the wonderful things I heard, and saw, and the inspiration and information I received.

Next on my agenda of activities was the organization of our new Lafayette District. What a wonderful group of people they have in that area, and what a good time we had first at our planning meeting at Opelousas (some of you were there too) and then the next Sunday when we met at New Iberia, and I had the opportunity of meeting many of the people who will be guiding the district work there. Isn't Marilyn Carter the elected Secretary a dear, and do you know her charming mother?

The last of June I went to Mt. Sequoyah for our Jurisdiction School of Missions as one of your delegates. It is always a spiritual treat to be at Mt. Sequoyah and live together and be associated with so many of our Christian workers at home and abroad. You get to feeling that you know them almost as well as I know many of you. And the Studies—My! They were positively wonderful, and such teachers. Really we had an Ecumenical Meeting there on the Mountain. Baptists, Presbyterians, and Methodists, not to mention the many races. Of course, I took the Bible study—"Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women", by Lady Hosie, and I recommend it to all of you. It is such a good study for us, of the Wesleyan Service Guild, because I sometimes think that we are prone to be a little bit aggressive (probably due to our professions) and Jesus loves us for just what we are and not for what we seem to be.

The Jurisdiction Guild Weekend was another wonderful experience for me. At the Pledge Service on Satur-

day night when I stood on the platform with our own Ruth Jones, and pledged \$13,103.49 for the Guilds of the Louisiana Conference to help carry on the missionary program around the world was indeed a high moment for me, and I hope for you too. Gertie Stiles our Jurisdiction Secretary is doing a swell job guiding the destiny of the Guilds in the South Central Jurisdiction, and I wish all of you could know her and love her as I do.

Our Annual Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer in July-August was truly a Mountain-Top experience for many of us. The reports are still coming in, and I am positively bursting the buttons from my vest with pride for all of you. You were wonderful, and I feel that God was truly in our midst. Many, many times during this weekend I felt His presence, and I know you did too. So many of you have written me such glowing reports, to each and everyone I say "thank you". It was your weekend and you made it the wonderful experience that it was.

We had our coaching Conferences on September 12th, with Grace Lawson and myself coaching the district officers and they in turn will go back into their districts and coach the local officers and chairmen.

Grace Lawson held our Guild Clinic at our Conference School of Missions August 2-6, and from all accounts she had a good clinic and I am so pleased that this is proving a growing thing. We are still having growing pains, and I hope we continue, because without them, I would be afraid for us. I don't want us ever to grow up and feel that we have nothing more to learn or accomplish. So many of you are planning your vacations so that you can attend these Schools of Missions at the Conference level, and that is good.

I am happy to tell you all of our districts are now completely organized in three lines of work. On Sunday, August 15, I went over to Arcadia, and met with Sue Batton and her district for the purpose of electing officers and getting the work going in the Ruston District. Believe me she is a wide-awake District Secretary, just keep your eye on Sue, she is really going places, and is taking her District with her.

Girls I just can't bring myself to close this little visit with you without reminding you again of your responsibility to those other employed women who are not members of our great Christian Fellowship. Won't you put them on your hearts and in your prayers, let's see if we can't reach them? Did you know we only

## FANNIE E. BURCH FIRST WOMAN JUDGE

Miss Fannie E. Burch, Amite, former Baton Rouge District Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild has earned the distinction of becoming the first woman in Louisiana to be a district judge. She served as district Guild secretary from 1948 to 1952.

This is the first political office for Fannie, who carried her campaign to the people and who spoke in white and negro churches throughout her district.

A native of Nebraska, Miss Burch is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burch. Her father was a Methodist preacher and the family came to Louisiana when she was a child. She graduated from the Amite High School. Then went right into the job of court stenographer.

It is interesting to note that the man who will swear her in January 1, Mr. N. P. Vernon, clerk of court, was the one who gave her the job as court stenographer when completing high school. She held this job 12 years then studied law under the late Shelby Reid and passed her bar examination 20 years ago. However, during part of this time, she and her father ran the Amite Progress, later going into full-time law practice.

We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to Fannie who will be the first lady in Louisiana to assume the duties of a district court judge.

added some 3000 new members to the total membership of Wesleyan Service Guild this past year, and that Louisiana Conference could only boast 407 of these, and actually we only had a gain of 55, because we lost that many old members (352). Makes you uncomfortable doesn't it? Does me.

I have enjoyed this informal little chat, and shall be dropping in again soon, I hope.

Devotedly,  
Minza Rabun  
Your Conf. Secy.

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## LOUISIANA RURAL WORK SPECIAL INTEREST OF THE GUILD

(Editor's Note: With this issue of GUILD TIMES we are beginning a series of articles on our "Special Interests". We believe it is fitting to start with Miss Elizabeth Thompson, especially since Louisiana Rural Work is one of the two Special Interests that are the concern of our Supply Work.)

By: Mrs. Ella Mae Charlton

One achievement which Elizabeth Thompson, Director of Rural Church and Community work in Louisiana, would like to attain is to be able to tell others in a few concise words exactly what her work entails. The fact that her work includes many intangibles makes it difficult to explain. She spends much time in helping initiate and promote various programs and projects, but does not feel that she can take full credit for such programs when others have helped toward their development. She always finds herself at a disadvantage when some observer says, "Tell me in a few words all about your work."

After spending her sabbatical leave studying at Emory University, Miss Thompson came back to Louisiana three months before her official leave was over. "No sabbatical leave could have ended on a higher note nor term of service begun on clearer commitment," she says as she refers to her trip back to Louisiana from Milwaukee where she attended the Woman's Division quadrennium Assembly.

She arrived in time for the Annual Conference, held June 1st in Monroe. Five separate experiences during the conference set the tone for the immediate future and for long range planning. These included sessions with the Board of Education, a meeting of the Commission on Christian Vocations, the Town and Country Commission, the initial meeting of a committee on Rural Church and Community work in Louisiana, and the reorganization of the Deaconess Board of which Miss Thompson was elected

chairman. These various meetings involving inspirational plans added to the "lift" given by the Annual Conference, marked a good beginning for another year's work.

She arrived in Shreveport early in June and "took over" her new office located on the Centenary Campus in the Religious Center building. Rural work in Louisiana is a cooperative project of the Woman's Division and the Conference Board of Education. Miss Thompson's work has been carried on according to this plan since she first came to Louisiana in 1946.

She found plenty to do. The recounting of her efforts during the summer months will give some idea of the scope of her responsibilities. She worked on a population and church membership survey to determine the membership of Methodist churches in the Louisiana Conference.

She found that out of some 462 churches there were 352 with memberships less than 250, while there were 222 churches with less than 100 members. It was also found that only 51 of the churches in the conference have more than 500 members. These figures show that much of the work in the Methodist Churches in Louisiana is being carried on by churches with small memberships. But all too

often the importance of a church is gauged by the number of members on its roll. For this reason she was anxious that some worth-while recognition be given the smaller church for a job well done.

She wrote the Secretaries of the Town and Country Commissions over the south to find what they were doing toward the recognition program. "We took the suggestions and in light of the findings worked out our own recognition program," Miss Thompson said. This was presented to and adopted by the Bishop's Cabinet which met during the Pastor's School at Centenary College.

There is a plan for more direction and guidance to be given the pre-ministerial students at Centenary, and Miss Thompson has been asked to serve on the committee which will help in this supervisory capacity. She has spent time this summer in assembling material which will be helpful to these young men toward solving some of the problems which may be theirs.

One plan which she helped a young minister develop for his church might successfully be used in any rural church. She visited his church and together they decided the potentials of the community would have to be known to him before he could build a constructive program. "No matter where any church is located, Miss Thompson explains, there is always a north, south, east and west." Working from the church as the focal point he can contact all individuals in the area and come to know his parishioners well enough to begin to make future plans.

The above is only one example of help that she has given. There have been many other ministers who have come for suggestions concerning various problems. One needed advice about how to go about getting the people of his community (very small town) interested in establishing a fire department. Miss Thompson advised him to confer with other agencies in the community. She gave him material on community institutes and councils. He went away feeling that he at least had been given some direction as to where to start.

Another time-consuming part of a rural worker's life is the interpretation of the work. "People never seem to quite understand it," Elizabeth says, "so I cannot afford to pass up an opportunity to do anything I can toward giving a clearer comprehension of the work to those who are interested." That is one object in attending meetings, making talks and entering into discussions which will expand the knowledge of listeners.

During the School of Missions she took part in the workshop on program building, making definite suggestions as to why every rural woman should be interested in the 1954-55 program material on "the city". In addition to taking part in the workshop she has



Pictured above is the Wesleyan Service Guild station wagon, recently purchased with Cash Supply Gifts, District Secretary, Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport, former Rural Church and Community worker, who gives volunteer service and Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Deaconess, La. Rural Worker.

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## SPECIAL INTEREST OF THE GUILD

talked to local church groups in three separate districts. She also participated in the Young Adult Assembly at Camp Brewer.

"But" she points out, "meetings and talks are not the only methods by which the work is interpreted." There are letters to be written, many of them. Some are answers to inquiry, some are for promotional purposes, others to arrange future meetings. She also emphasizes the great importance of those letters which go to interested prospective recruits."

Another means of interpretation which she accomplished this summer was the designing of a mat including the many facts of endeavor of rural work. The mat illustrates not only her own work but shows how it ties in with other community efforts, making it clear that no one agency or resource is adequate to insure the abundant life.

Another outstanding phase of her work is leadership development. "Any conscientious rural worker must concern herself with developing leaders in the community," Elizabeth says. But explaining the procedure is not as easy as making the statement, she will assure you. A leader is not made simply by appointing a person to assume certain responsibilities. Miss Thompson has given much time and thought to this part of her work since its beginning in 1946. Acting in an advisory capacity she has helped the minister and local leaders arrange institutes, has arranged for young people to attend camps and workshops, met with individual teachers in rural churches and has created interest in organized training schools in order to promote leadership in small churches.

Because of the constantly changing social order in our country there are many new challenges for rural workers. In the past few years the increase in population of people over 65 years of age has placed a responsibility on the church toward meeting the needs of these older people. All older adults are not urbanites, many of them are to be found in rural areas. In the Louisiana Conference there are four Methodist Church-sponsored camps for older adults. A part of her schedule this summer included attending and helping with three of these camps.

"With all these different interests and with such a variety of jobs to keep me busy," Miss Thompson says, "you can see how rural work has become an impelling vital force in my life—a work that is demanding, but at the same time satisfying beyond expression."

She thinks the quotations from the WORK BOOK from the FOURTH ASSEMBLY, which was used on the mats she designed, is as clear-cut a summation of rural work as any statement she knows. It reads: "There is no typical rural job, but there is a common philosophy among rural workers.

There is the profound belief in the whole nature of religion. The rural worker believes that no part of life is outside the circle of the church's responsibility. The worker, therefore, is a general practitioner who looks at life, religion, and society as of one piece. One is not a preacher, not a director of religious education, nor a social worker, nor a home demonstration agent. Some of the skills of these professions are known, of course, and all of them are understood in their relation to the whole job. But the worker joins hands with all the professional resources in the area of the church, as well as the social and spiritual resources in the area of the church organization, in the dual job of strengthening social and spiritual life in the church, and of carrying that strength to the building and bettering of the community."

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on began to plan ways and means for her to go to college. Martha is now attending Northwestern and plans to graduate there next June. After graduation she will have a year of special training.

During this past summer Martha worked with the "Harvester" team and served in California working with the children of migrant farm workers. "The Harvester" was the name of the station wagon staffed by volunteer workers and sent by the National Council of Churches to serve migrant farm workers in the Santa Clara Valley, California. Before they began their work with the migrants, Martha with 52 others, representing 23 denominations, met for the first time in Modesto for intensive training and orientation under the sponsorship of the National Council's Division of Home Missions.

## COACHING CONFERENCE

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Mrs. Neva Rye announced that the Alexandria District will hold two conferences according to area. One will meet in Alexandria, October 2 and the other in Winnfield, October 10.

Miss Marilyn Carter plans a meeting for Lafayette District, on Nov. 3rd, in New Iberia at 6:30 P. M. The Woman's Society will serve supper preceding the conference.

## SUGGESTED PROJECT FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE CHAIRMAN

"Thanksgiving Before Meals" tent cards for placement on restaurant tables may be secured from Laymen's National Committee, Vanderbilt Hotel, New York 16, N. Y.

The cards include table graces for Protestants, Jews, and Catholics. Many Wesleyan Service Guilds are placing these in public restaurants. The cost per thousand is \$4.00, however, smaller quantities may be ordered.

## ATTENTION

1. ONE copy of every edition is mailed at the expense of Conference Cultivation to the president of each Guild. This is in addition to her personal copy, if she is a subscriber, and it is for use for the entire unit.

2. If your story was cut in this issue, it was due to lack of space. If members of your Guild wish to subscribe for the next two issues for this year, please send only 50c.

3. The next issue of GUILD TIMES will not be published until mid-January. However, this lateness will give us an opportunity to give you a little more up-to-date news on our Spring meeting to be held in Lake Charles.

## REPORT BLANKS FOR JR CREDIT

Local Guilds needing report blanks to report J. R. Study Classes may obtain the blanks from Miss Grace Lawson, Conference Guild Chairman of Missionary Education, P. O. Box 241, Welsh, La. When the Study is completed and the report blank filled out it should be returned to Mrs. Robley Davis, Gilliam, La., Conference Secretary of Missionary Education. Be sure to indicate clearly on the blank that your study was sponsored by a Wesleyan Service Guild.

## IOWA GUILD MEMBERS VISIT N. O.

Thirty-seven Guild members from the state of Iowa visited missions in New Orleans on a Tour of Missions. During their visit they met at First Methodist Church with the New Orleans District Guild for an informal meeting. There was an exchange of ideas during the meeting between the two groups.

Five of the group from Iowa were studying to be missionaries. After fellowship and recreation they were taken on a sightseeing trip of New Orleans. While in Louisiana they also visited missions at Houma and Dulac.

## Ruston District Elects Officers

The Ruston District Guild elected for the first time their district chairman when they held a meeting Aug. 15, in Arcadia.

Miss Sue Batton called for a report of the nominating committee, and the following were elected to serve for a two year period on the district Guild committee: Mrs. Estelle Dameron, Jonesboro and Mrs. Lillie Mae Pomeroy, Rouston, representatives of the Woman's Society, Miss Sue Hefley, Minden, Chairman of Spiritual Life, Miss Vera Winfree, Ruston, Chairman of Christian Social Relations, and Miss Mabel Camp, Haynesville, Chairman of Missionary Education.





## MRS. GOLDTHWAIT ATTENDS WORLD COUNCIL MEETING

"For a Christian Social Relations Secretary, constantly thinking and talking World Peace, the World Christian Community and such, the opportunity to attend a WORLD OF CHURCHES was the supreme experience. In the five days that I was there, said Mrs. Charles Goldthwait, there was never a dull moment." Mrs. Goldthwait, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. C. I. Jones, President, and Mrs. James Whittaker, Woman's Society persons known to have attended all or part of the World Council of Church meeting in August.

The following is an account of Mrs. Goldthwait's experience of the meeting.

The high point was the pageant, called "The Festival of Faith" staged at Soldier's Field, Chicago, Sunday night, August 15. An estimated 155,000 people saw this spectacle which used the theme of the whole meeting "Christ, the Hope of the World." Can you imagine, singing "The Church's One Foundation", praying the Lord's Prayer, and the General Confession, "Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep", together with more than a hundred thousand others, all gathered together in one place? Each individual seemed thoroughly lifted up in spirit.

When the procession of delegates, headed by the Presidents, started down the Field, and one could see the varied costumes indicating the many places around the world from which they had come, and representing all the races of the earth, the thought came to one, "So we will come into Heaven, - all kinds, all together, all taking our places as one".

After the service of praise, with a Narrator using quotations from the Bible and Church literature, the Biblical theme of Creation, Redemption and Consummation was depicted by nantomine. The five sets of trumpeters, the organ music, the great choirs, and the effectiveness of the lighting made for a deep spiritual experience. Then when a huge moon rose over the field

from the east, just before the benediction, one felt the Lord Himself was pronouncing that very benediction.

At the Plenary (business) Sessions and at the special meetings set up for the ordinary visitors, one was impressed by many things. First, there were so many, many "big names". Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, Kagawa, Samuel McCrae Cavert, Charles Taft, Charles Malik, Bishop Dibellius of Berlin's East and West Zones, Ralph Sockman, and Martin Niemoller as well as many Bishops of our own Methodist church were among those we commonly saw. So we were tremendously impressed by the bigness of the group, and by the fact that practically THE WHOLE WORLD was represented, even to some from the Iron Curtain countries.

Plenty of place was made and given to the "little countries" also. For the very first speaker at the very first Worship Service in First Methodist Church at 8:30 A. M., Sunday was a Rev. John Havea, a Methodist preacher from the Tonga Islands, in the South Pacific. He said something to this effect, - "You can't get the big wheels of a watch to go until the tiniest of wheels also starts" meaning that he was very humbly the tiniest of wheels, but that the tiniest of churches and peoples too are required to be part of a Great World Council.

Likewise, following a masterly address by Charles Malik, Ambassador to the U. S. from Lebanon, and head of the Delegation to the United Na-

tions from his own country, there was prolonged applause, and the whole audience of 15,000 rose to its feet so greatly was it affected. Then there went to the speakers' rostrum a young looking man, black-skinned, wearing an odd but rich looking long robe of some kind. One thought, "Young man, you'll have to be good, after what we have just heard". And he WAS. His name was Rev. P. K. Dagadu, General Secretary, Christian Council of the Gold Coast, Africa. Speaking in most beautiful English, he immediately achieved our attention, by telling of an experience he had had in serving Communion in a little village church, earth-floor, thatched-roof type, on the Gold Coast of Africa. When he came to the part in the service which reads, "Therefore with angels and arch angels, and with the whole company of heaven, we, (the little group of Christians worshipping in those simple circumstances) - laud and magnify Thy glorious name", the reality of the oneness of the whole world wide church dawned on him he said, "However small that village church was, and however crude and insignificant the environment in which it was set, it was **most significant** in that it was part of the One Church here on earth and in heaven".

And so it was. One felt the greatness of the Council, the bigness of its task, and the huge area that it covers, but one also felt there is still a place for the little groups and the little churches and the little people like you and I.

## LENA SWEENEY HEADS L. C. DISTRICT GUILD

Mrs. E. D. (Lena) Sweeney, Lake Charles, was elected District Secretary of the Lake Charles District when it met in June at Welsh. Lena is a charter member of University Methodist Church and treasurer since its organization.

She was the chairman of a night circle which later organized into a Wesleyan Service Guild and served as president of the Guild three times and presently is serving as treasurer.

She is teacher of sixth grade and music director of Grand Lake School; active in the Teacher's organization of Cameron Parish and has been president of the Parish Teachers association. She is also a member of the Eastern Star and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Sweeney was Mrs. Evelyn Wagon, 514 Fifth Street, Jennings, who will serve as Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

## Jurisdiction Elects Three Chairmen

The South Central Jurisdiction Guild elected Mrs. Alice Pletz, 215 Barbara, San Antonio, Texas, Chairman, Spiritual Life; Miss Ruth Preston, 6151 Waterman Avenue, St. Louis 12, Mo., Missionary Education and Mrs. Ethel Strickland, 240 North Topeka, Wichita 2, Kansas, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

## WEEK OF PRAYER

The offering from our Week-of-Prayer, October 25-31, will go to the following institutions, as designated by the Woman's Division of Christian Service:

### RECIPIENTS OF GIFTS—WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL

Recipient	Location	Gift
Retired Deaconess Pension Fund	U. S. A.	Provision for Retired Deaconesses
Adult Beginners in Reading	India and Pakistan	Christian Literature
A High School for Girls	Karachi, Pakistan	School Building and Dormitory
Stanley Girl's High School	Hyderabad, India	Buildings and Equipment
Girls' Junior High	Roorkee, India	A New Dormitory
Norma Fendrich School	Bidar, India	A New Classroom Building
Buxar District	Buxar India	A Mobile Dispensary
Batala Rural Center	Punjab, India	A Missionary Residence
Belgaum Village Center	Devarshigahalli, South India	Equipment for Health Center
Creighton-Freeman Hospital	Vrindaban, India	Jeep and Trailer

It is interesting to know that we, as Wesleyan Service Guilds, have part in other projects of the Woman's Division Christian Service through our Week-of-Prayer giving. Both the Woman's Society and Guild offering during that week go to the same places.

(Promotion Secty's, please note: Do not report the Week-of-Prayer offering on your reports, until your treasurer has actually remitted this with her January report. This will mean you report it on your February promotion secretary's report.)





## GUILD WEEKEND ATTRACTS 127

The annual Guild Weekend held at Camp Brewer, July 30-31, August 1, brought together 127 members from Louisiana. Many Guild members arrived Friday evening with Mrs. Neva Rye, Alexandria, there to greet and register them. Most of Saturday morning Guild members had the opportunity of making hand made earrings or felt coasters in the craft classes under the direction of Mrs. C. P. Staples and daughter Mary Sue, Home Demonstration Agent and Assistant Home Agent from St. Landry and Natchitoches Parishes. Others went in swimming or gathered around to renew acquaintances.

We do not believe a program could have had a better start than the opening worship Mrs. W. A. (Betty Rose) Earnest, Bunkie, gave. It set the tone for the theme of the meeting, "Show us Anew, Thy Wondrous Power". The presentation of the approved studies with recommendations on giving them was presided over by Grace Lawson, with Neva Rye, Lillian Kennedy, Margaret McGowan and Minza Rabun giving an outline of the studies which they took at Mt. Sequoyah.

Mrs. Charles Goldthwait gave a very interesting discussion on Christian Social Relations. Martha Nicholson and Arline Tyler were in charge of the evening Vesper Service which is something everyone always enjoys.

It seems the most outstanding part of the program was the panel discussion at the close of the Saturday evening program with Ruby Phillips, Plain Dealing, as chairman. She had on her panel Grace Lawson, Arline Tyler, Mrs. C. I. Jones, Minza Rabun, Ruth Guthrie and Lillian Kennedy. It was a splendid program and beautifully presented.

Olive H. Breazeale, Arcadia, was director of the choir which consisted of members from different Guilds who practiced on Saturday evening. Mrs. Hazel Golson, Opelousas, opened the Sunday program with the morning watch service.

Helen Adams did an excellent job on her discussion of Spiritual Life Enrichment with study and discussion. Helen and Vera See, Lake Charles, placed prayer cards in each cabin and posted them throughout the dining hall and tabernacle.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, Conference President, spoke Sunday morning. Mrs. Jones told of the Milwaukee Assembly and you could almost feel as though you had been there. Preceding her talk Miss Lila Curry from Baton Rouge was leader of the worship service. The meeting adjourned with dinner by districts.

Minza Rabun guided one of the best planned, inspirational and relaxing programs ever to be held.

## "BUDDY PLAN" USED TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Hazel Gibson, Publicity Chairman, Unit I, Mangum Memorial Church, Shreveport, writes that their Guild adopted a "Buddy Plan" to stimulate interest in attendance and new membership. In this plan each member and each prospective member (those visitors who have expressed an interest in joining the Guild) is assigned to another person as a "buddy". During the six meetings for which the plan is scheduled, each woman is responsible for contacting her "buddy" before meetings to remind her of the time and place and to offer transportation if necessary. As a climax of the program handmade gifts will be exchanged by "buddies". Three members have joined during the six weeks the plan has been in progress.

In April, members of Unit I began work on a bazaar to be held in the autumn. The committee in charge suggest the type of article to be made each month. With every member making one article monthly, there are quite a number of aprons, miscellaneous articles, linens, "white elephants", baby clothes and handmade earrings in the collection. Leisure time spent on making things for the bazaar will be profitable for the individual members as well as a financial help to the unit as a whole.

Interest in the program and missions study, according to Mrs. Gibson, is stimulated by correlated activities such as the Mexican supper and film "To Rekindle the Gift" which follow the study of Spanish Speaking Americans.

## CARROLLTON REPRESENTED IN VARIED MISSION FIELDS

Carrollton Guild of New Orleans is fortunate in having its members represented in various branches of mission work. Vela Cleveland is a medical student preparing for the mission field in India; Elizabeth Nowlin is a deaconess from the Centenary Methodist Institute Community House in Nashville, Tenn., now on Sabbatical leave and at the school of social work at Tulane; Clara Chalmers is a former missionary to Cuba. Recently they had as visitors to their guild Miss Sophie Kuntz, a deaconess, (sister of Emma and Helena Kuntz) and Miss Sally Ellis, a retired deaconess.

Their personal contacts have much to do with their enthusiasm and inspire them to raise their pledge to missions, each year. Their budget for the present year is \$807.00 or approximately \$25.00 a member. 60% of their budget goes to Guild Projects, 10% is allotted to cash for supplies and another \$100.00 goes indirectly to missions through their own "set project", Vela Cleveland, for incidentals in her school work.

Vela Cleveland came to New Orleans from Florida to teach at Tulane

## SUPPLY WORK

The Guilds in Louisiana are to be commended on the splendid job they are doing in channeling most of their cash supplies to our two Special Interests, Louisiana Rural Work and Public Health Nursing, Vicarabad, India, which is the sole responsibility of the South Central Jurisdiction.

To simplify record keeping each jurisdiction has been assigned two of the Special Guild Interests for Supply giving, one Home and one Foreign. The above will remain as our supply work for the remainder of this quadrennium.

Please designate your supply work for these two places indicating the names as we have written above, on your treasurer's report, promotion secretary's report and ask your Woman's Society to designate your Supply Work for these two projects when transferring to their report.

Besides the above supply giving we are asked to give to the Magazine and Picture Fund (this is for International Religious Education magazine, etc. which is sent to every institution supported by the Woman's Division) some may go "Undesignated" . . . see page 56, August Methodist Woman.

For your comparison on Supply giving for the past year 1953-54 we are printing below the report of our Conference Supply Secretary. You will note the varied projects not necessarily ones Guilds are asked to support.

Institution—Home	Amount
La. Rural Work	\$865.53
MacDonell	52.76
Dulae	12.00
Aldersgate	25.00
Lucille McMurray	20.50
People's Community Center	3.75
St. Marks Community Center	135.50
Gladice Bower	10.00
Sager-Brown	9.00
La. Bayou Work	18.12
Biste	8.00
Hoeding	8.71
Baatan Hospital	11.45
Lucille Holiday	5.00
Vashti	8.00
MacDonell Pew	5.00
Undesignated	30.27
Total	\$1228.59

Institution—Foreign	
Mabel Nowlin	11.75
Magazine and Picture Fund	62.75
India, Public Health & Nursing	687.22
Thelma Maw (Korea)	10.00
Mildred Ann Paine (Japan)	28.50
Puntamba, India	38.00
Undesignated	110.32
Total	958.54

University. She became a member of the Carrollton Guild and through giving one its program on health and playing the part of a doctor in the skit she became interested in going into full time service as a medical missionary. She enrolled in the university for pre-med and has one more year. Vela has been accepted by the Board of Missions and plans on serving in India upon completing her studies.



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### PROGRAM

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Lake Charles, La.

MARCH 19, 20, 1955

THEME: "FOR THE LIVING OF THESE DAYS"

#### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration forms will be mailed to the president of each Guild in Mid-February.

Accommodations will be available in homes, hotels and motels. Detailed information available on registration form.

Registration Fee: \$3.00 which includes Registration, Insurance, Saturday evening dinner and Sunday morning breakfast.

Registration Deadline - March 15

- 10:00 A. M. Registration, Foyer Educational Building  
10:30 A. M. Conference Executive Committee, Mezzanine, Majestic Hotel  
12:00 P. M. Conference Executive Committee Luncheon, Majestic Hotel  
AFTERNOON SESSION - Sanctuary, First Methodist Church  
2:00 P. M. Organ Prelude  
Convening of Fourth Annual Meeting of Wesleyan Service Guild Mrs. Minza Rabun, presiding  
Welcome Rev. Carl F. Lueg, Pastor, First Methodist Church  
Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory" Page 279  
Worship Miss Arlene Tyler, Shreveport  
Order of Business:  
Committee Appointments  
Report of Recording Secretary  
Introductions and Announcements  
Guild Hymn  
Secretary's Message Mrs. Minza Rabun  
Special Music  
Address  
Benediction Miss Lillian Kennedy  
4:15 P. M. Tea Mrs. L. E. Frazer, President's Home, McNeese State College  
6:45 P. M. Dinner in Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church with Mrs. E. D. Sweeney, Lake Charles District Secretary, presiding  
Invocation: "Doxology"  
Fellowship

#### EVENING SESSION - Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

- 8:15 P. M. Organ Prelude  
Call to Worship Mrs. Minza Rabun  
Prayer Rev. Karl Tooke, District Supt., Lake Charles District  
Address  
Solo Mrs. Fred O. Shirley  
Pledge Service  
Communion Rev. E. B. Emmerich, Rev. F. O. Shirley, Rev. T. T. Howes  
Benediction Rev. F. O. Shirley

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1955

- 7:30 A. M. Breakfast in Fellowship Hall  
Miss Helen Adams, presiding  
Meditation Mrs. W. W. Paxton, W. S. C. S. Conference Spiritual Life

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### MAKING PLANS FOR FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING



Making plans for the spring meeting of the Louisiana Conference Guild are Mrs. E. D. Sweeney, Lake Charles District Secretary, Mrs. Elsie Rowland, President of Guild at First Methodist Church, Mrs. Bessie Gibson, Guild president at University Church, Miss Helen Adams, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life and Mrs. Millard Hebert, President of Guild at Simpson Church.

The Fourth Annual Spring Meeting of the Guild will convene Saturday, March 19, in Lake Charles at the First Methodist Church. The Guild members of the Lake Charles District are planning and looking forward to having their many friends from the Conference with them for these days of inspiration and fellowship. They issue a hearty and warm Southwest Louisiana invitation to one and all.

The theme for the Conference wide meeting will be "For The Living of These Days", which follows the Woman's Society of Christian Service annual spring meeting. Registration will begin at 10 a. m. in the Education Building at the First Methodist Church on Broad Street.

Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Guild Secretary, will be presiding at the convening of the meeting at 2 p. m. Saturday. At the time this paper is going to press it is impossible to release names of the speakers for Saturday afternoon and evening. On Saturday afternoon the Guild will be entertained at a tea at the home of Mrs. L. E. Frazer, wife of the president of McNeese State College.

The evening session will begin at 6:45 with Mrs. E. D. Sweeney, Lake Charles District Secretary presiding, with dinner in the Fellowship Hall at the Church.

On Sunday morning breakfast will be in the Fellowship Hall with Miss Helen Adams, presiding and the meditation brought by Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Woman's Society Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life. Miss Emma Kuntz will preside at the morning session and during that time the principal address will be brought by the Honorable Fannie Burch, one of the two presiding District Judges of the 21st Judicial District. Miss Burch, former Baton Rouge District Guild Secretary, will speak on "The Church Woman and Her Political Responsibility".

Mrs. Rabun will close the meeting with business and reports before adjourning for church service with the Rev. Carl F. Lueg, Pastor of First Church, bringing the message. Luncheon will be served by the local Guild.





# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Hello:

May I wish you a very belated Happy New Year?

Did you ever experience such a wonderful Christmas season as we have just passed through? I am still remembering with a deep sense of warmth and appreciation the many beautiful cards and messages you sent me during the holidays. Truly Christ is being put back in Christmas, and I am glad that we, of the Wesleyan Service Guild, have had a small part in helping.

Do you know that we have passed the half-way mark for the 1954-55 Guild year? Since January is a good time for taking inventory suppose we pause and take a mental journey through our accomplishments thus far.

You recall last summer at Camp Brewer we resolved that we would not rest until we had reached every employed woman in our church, and that we are going to organize a Guild unit in every church where there wasn't one. Do I have the courage to tell you that we have reported for the first half of the year 114 new members, with a total membership of 1,751, but here is the sad news, at the beginning of 1954-55 we had a total membership of 1,865, making a difference in membership of exactly 114. Have we actually gained 114 members, or have we lost 114? **We have one new unit reported. Neva Rye, reports a unit organized at LeCompte, and to her and the new unit we salute you, and welcome you into our fine organization. Where are those others?**

While I am discussing figures with you, I feel I will have to say again that many of you are not reporting. With a total of 88 units we only had 80 to report the first quarter and for the second quarter only 83 reported. I still maintain that you are doing the work, but sometimes I think you are just plain lazy when you fail to report it. You know we have no other means of knowing what you are doing unless you mail the reports in that have been furnished you. If you do not have report books then contact your district secretary and she will be glad to furnish you with the necessary report blanks. Remember the slogan - "Reports are our Measure of Progress". I would just love one time while I am your conference secretary to be able to report 100% to your Jurisdiction and Executive Secretaries.

Last summer, as I wrote in my last letter, we pledged \$13,103.49 toward the total budget of the Louisiana Conference WSCS. Girls, I just know you are not going to fail us. We have not nearly reached the half-way mark, and we are well into our third quarter. Look into this matter, and see if you can help with the deficit by giving a life membership, or by using the Treasure Chests. Here are the figures.

First quarter	\$2,760.54
Second quarter	3,186.72 total \$5,947.26

Enough of the darker side of the picture. I just can't bring this to a close without commending many of you for the wonderful job you are doing. Shreveport District with their News Sheet. Monroe District for the wonderful Spiritual Life Retreat held in October. Others of you for the emphasis you are putting on Guild Month. Still others for the fine spirit of cooperation and fellowship through combined studies with the WSCS. Many of you are using your WSCS officers and leaders, both on the conference, district and local levels, on your programs and that is good. Alexandria District for their new unit. Lake Charles District for working so faithfully on our Spring Meeting with them in March. Just hope many of you are planning to attend, and that each unit will have at least one representative, preferably your president or president-elect. Time will not permit my enumerating all the accomplishments that have been ours thus far. But, I want you to know that your efforts do not go unheeded, and that your

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## REPORTS FOR THE DELEGATES

Every delegate attending the spring meeting in Lake Charles will receive a folder containing a report from each district and each conference chairman which is to be shared with their local unit.

All local guilds are urged to report on time for this third quarter and give a completely filled in report so that her District Secretary may have a complete report written for this folder. If there is any special information that is requested of your Guild it will be greatly appreciated if the reply is sent immediately to your district.

The district Secretaries and Chairmen of the lines of work are urged to complete their reports and mimeograph 150 copies and mail to Grace Lawson, P. O. Box 241, Welsh, prior to March 10 in order that they may be placed in the delegates' folders.

## FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Some months ago, every local Guild president received a copy of the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. This book is mailed annually by the Woman's Society to their own group and to the Guilds. It has come to our attention that some have wondered why they have received it. This annual gives complete information on conference meetings of both groups; reports of all the work from officers, chairmen, deaconesses and missionaries in our conference, etc.

For a report of the Guild activities, see pages 99-111. You will also find a complete list of all Guild presidents, addresses and those of officers. (Note-for this reason, it is always requested that immediately upon election of officers you mail the correct name and mailing address to your district secretary so they can be included in this annual. Without your help it makes the list incorrect or does not list your president's name). Surely, this report book is an indispensable aid to what-is-what in Louisiana Woman's Society and Guild.

## Guild Weekend - Camp Brewer July 15, 16, and 17

Confirmation of the dates for our annual Guild Weekend has been received. It will begin Friday evening, July 15 and adjourn on Sunday afternoon, July 17. Those appointed to plan the program are: Lillian Kennedy, Chairman, Neva Rye and Sue Batton.

reward comes in the satisfaction you receive when you view a job well done.

May God continue to bless you, and use you as we labor together for the realization of His kingdom here on earth, shall be my New Year's prayer for you, and each member of our unit.

Devotedly,  
Your conference secretary,  
MINZA RABUN





## SPIRITUAL LIFE: TUNE IN TO HIM

Tune in regularly upon God's strengthening power. This means attend church each week, for that's where you are most likely to feel uplifted and inspired to high resolves. That's where spiritual fever develops for launching upon worthy projects. And part of this tuning-up also consists of daily Bible reading. Set yourself a definite quota, even if it be only one chapter per day. Then get into ACTION.

### Give God a chance with your life

Mrs. H. C. Pletz (Alice), Chairman of Spiritual Life for the South Central Jurisdiction, has requested that these recommendations be considered by district and local chairmen:

1. All members of our Wesleyan Service Guilds in the South Central Jurisdiction join in a daily prayer vigil at 8:00 a. m. to pray specifically (a) for our Guild work and leaders (b) for a definite spiritual awakening within our own hearts and lives (c) for UNITED NATIONS and all who work for peace. That the next six months will produce a unity of all peoples who believe that principals of Jesus' commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself", will bring peace and joy into our world such as we have never known. There are many such people in the world today, but we need to get together. We can pray for that unity. God has a plan. We must find it and work it together.

2. Urge the use of the PRAYER CALENDAR.

3. Urge the use of SPIRITUAL LIFE materials in each program if they are not being used.

### GUILD MEMBER RECEIVES HONOR FROM AFRICA

Mrs. Bessie Fairley, Opelousas Guild member, was the recipient of a life membership pin from Congo Belge, Afrique. Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Chappell, Congo Belge, Afrique honored Mrs. Fairley with this pin bearing the emblem of their organization "L.A."--the Lusanganya l'Amantu, which means "The meeting of the women".

Mrs. Chappell, in a letter to the president of the Opelousas W.S.C.S., states that their church women have just begun to have a permanent pin bearing their emblem. They have arranged to present the pins to friends in a way similar to the Life Membership plan here in America. The presentation was made to Mrs. Fairley in acknowledgment of her interest in missions and work of her church.

It is interesting to note that the requirements for wearing the pin are very high and if a member fails to keep up to the high standards, she must give up her pin for a year. We know that Bessie Fairley will never be asked to return hers!

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### PROGRAM MORNING SESSION

#### Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church

8:45 A. M. Call to Order Mrs. Emma Kuntz, presiding  
Hymn  
Prayer  
Special Music  
Address "The Church Woman and Her Political Responsibility" Hon. Fannie Burch, District Judge

Special Music  
Recess

10:00 A. M. Order of Business Mrs. Minza Rabun, presiding

Report on Registration  
Reports of Committees  
Other Business  
Announcements  
Adjournment

10:50 A. M. Church Service First Methodist Church  
Rev. Carl F. Lueg, Pastor  
12:15 P. M. Luncheon in Fellowship Hall — Courtesy Wesleyan Service Guild, First Methodist Church

## Chairmen Reports vs No Report

Newly elected Spiritual Life chairmen on the district level have been concerned about what is expected of them in their new responsibility according to Helen Adams. There have been requests for a list of their duties and some are asking if they should (1) request reports from the local units (2) make a report to the conference chairman. Miss Lillian Johnson, our National Secretary, has been queried on these matters. Quoting from her letter of November 23rd, 1954, addressed to conference and district secretaries, "I urge you not to do anything about this, for I feel that it is absolutely inadvisable at this time". "These chairmen are for the purpose of assisting the Guild Secretary by bringing their particular lines of work into the Guild program of the conference or district, whichever the case may be." For instance Spiritual Life district chairmen can be constantly on the lookout for information and inspiration, especially from THE METHODIST WOMAN AND WORLD OUTLOOK and the many other fine magazines, books and pamphlets made available through our church and Literature Headquarters. These findings can be passed along, as suggestions for program aids or activities, to the chairman in the local Guilds of the district. The important job to be done by these willing and interested chairmen is to see that this line of work - Spiritual Life Emphasis - gets sufficient attention at district Guild meeting and other district events, such as retreats or week ends. Then, too, the district chairman is the contact person for the conference chairman, especially when she is looking for leadership in setting up conference events. The keen interest and concern of these new officers toward their responsibility does encourage and warm the hearts of your conference leaders. Together we can grow into a well integrated department of work and make a vital contribution to Wesleyan Service Guild members, our Church and the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

### LETTER FROM ELIZABETH THOMPSON

The second quarter check for "CASH FOR SUPPLIES" was a welcomed piece of after Christmas mail. The Guilds of Louisiana sent \$198.58.

Since there is no way of knowing which units participated in this giving it is impossible to send an individual thank you. Some conferences have the district officers notify us that such and such unit was sending a specified amount through the regular channels and send the name and address of the president. This consideration takes the time both of the district officers and of the worker but I believe it is well spent.

Cash for Supplies has been described as the frosting on the cake, with Louisiana Rural Work it is THE cake. Thank you for your part in making a continuing program of activities possible.

It is my wish that there will be an opportunity to say "thank you" in person many times this year. Please feel free to call on me.

Congratulations on this your-month.  
January 7, 1955

ELIZABETH THOMPSON  
Box 4156  
Shreveport, La.

### SCHOOL OF MISSIONS MT. SEQUOYAH - JUNE 21-28 JURISDICTION GUILD WEEKEND - JUNE 24-26

Grace Lawson, Arline Tyler and Lena Sweeney were named delegates to attend the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah from June 21 to 28. Alternates are Marilyn Carter and Sue Batton. Three Guild members from each conference are allowed to attend this jurisdiction school of Missions at Fayetteville, Ark.

The Jurisdiction Guild Weekend will be held June 24-26. Anyone wishing to attend this weekend meeting may do so; however, they must contact our conference secretary, Miss Lillian Johnson, National Guild Secretary, will be in attendance at Mt. Sequoyah and will conduct one of the Guild clinics. She will be on the Saturday evening program.





## GUILD MONTH OBSERVANCE

January of 1955 and "Guild Month" is coming to a close, but we feel that it is the beginning of greater things in our Guild. It is fine indication of our interest in the Guild to begin a new year with the observance of "Guild Month" in such a resounding way.

Guild Month is the time of year in which we, as members of the Wesleyan Service Guild, pause to give thanks for the great fellowship and wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth and Christian service that it offers us; and to again dedicate our time, talents, and gifts to God, the Father.

While the month is not yet over, we have received many gratifying reports from some of you, concerning the way you have observed this very special occasion. We wish to give thanks to every one of you who promoted "Guild Month" through your church, special meeting, the presentation through newspaper or radio and other mediums. We have not lacked for promotion through any of these mediums. "We've a story to tell the nations" has become more than a song. Perhaps, we may have reached a new member, revived our own interest, or extended the influence of Christianity in our own community.

"It does not yet appear what we shall be" (I John 3:2), not yet! We do not know yet what this all out effort and observance of Guild Month may become—it is only the beginning of a new year, new faith, new hope—"it does not yet appear what it shall be".

We know that many units observed the occasion in some way although unknown to us at this time. We do wish to mention those that we have received letters, programs and clippings from.

In Shreveport the district had a special district wide meeting at the Broadmoor Methodist Church on the afternoon of Sunday, January 9. The Rev. Ira Flowers, pastor of the Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Miss Elizabeth Thompson and Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick were the principal speakers. Fourteen out of the 18 local units were present with a total of 72 present. Also, in Shreveport, Miss Martha Nicholson, president of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, gave a resume of Guild work and the choir sang the Guild hymn at the evening service. In Mansfield the Guild worshiped in a body at their morning church service. The pastor paid special recognition to the officers and chairmen at the service. Mansfield was the First Guild to organize in the Shreveport District—1940.

The Guild of First Methodist Church, Simpson Methodist and University Methodist Church in Lake Charles participated in special services held on Sunday evening during regular services at the University Church. The guilds at First Methodist and Simpson also had special services at their respective churches at the 11 a.m. service.

In Opelousas the Guild not only observed Guild Month, but also their tenth anniversary at a dinner meeting on Thursday, January 20, with Miss Lillian Kennedy, Baton Rouge District Secretary, as the principal speaker. Special recognition was paid to the charter members who are still members; a life membership pin was presented to Miss Maree White who served as their first president. The Opelousas Guild invited as their special guests former charter members of the Guild, and every employed woman in their church. Also present was Mrs. A. A. Collins, wife of the pastor of the Winbournne Methodist Church (Baton Rouge) who organized the local unit during their stay in Opelousas. The meeting concluded with the filmstrip: "Needed: Your Time and Talent". They were also recognized at morning church services which was broadcasted over local station on Sunday, January 9 and the Guild Hymn was sung as a solo by Mrs. Beverly Talbot.

The New Orleans District will have a meeting January 31, at First Methodist Church. They have issued special invitations to prospective members. Miss Edith Sigbornsen will have the opening devotion and then the film describing the Guild and its work will be shown. They will close with a period of fellowship.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

The Ruston and Monroe districts have reported they will be having district meetings soon. According to Sue Batton the Ruston district is now having quarterly district meetings. She states that the meetings have been most successful. They will hold their next meeting in February in Farmerville.

Mrs. T. D. Guthrie reports that the Monroe District is planning a meeting in First Methodist Church in Monroe during May.

### SPECIAL INTEREST

There have been questions concerning our Special Interest because of changes in personnel in some of these projects. According to Miss Lillian Johnson, we will keep the same ones for the remainder of the quadrennium, even though Gladice Bower does not plan to return to Vashti after her sabbatical leave, and Lucile McMurphy has resigned from her Work in Defense Areas. The new superintendent at Vashti is the Rev. Woodward Adams.

Mrs. McMurphy has not been replaced as yet. Miss Charlotte Stevenson is supervising the work at the present time.

### BATON ROUGE B & P W CLUB INVITES GUILD MEMBERS

The Baton Rouge Business and Professional Women's Club has invited Guild members of the Baton Rouge area to their meeting on January 27 at the Woman's Club House. Guest speaker for the meeting is Judge Fannie Burch, and the invitation came as a special tribute to Miss Burch's fine service as a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Amite, and former district secretary of the Baton Rouge District.

### GUILD FILM STRIP

The new Guild filmstrip, "Needed—Your Time and Talent", is now available from the Methodist Publishing House, 1910 Main Street, Dallas, Texas.

The purpose of the filmstrip, produced by the Woman's Division, was to give a comprehensive picture of the opportunities offered to employed women by the Wesleyan Service Guild. The filmstrip shows a well-rounded program of the Guild, including fellowship, service, worship, study and leadership training. The Special Interests of the Guild are lifted up. A number of Guild members are presented. Certain impressive accomplishments of the Guild are cited. Thus the filmstrip was planned to give information that will inspire and present Guild members to greater activity, and invite other employed women to join. The filmstrip aims to recruit young women for mission service by directing attention to Norris scholarships for Guild members and others who wish to work with the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions.

It is highly recommended for showing to Guilds, Woman's Societies, groups of ministers, employed women who are not Guild members and high school seniors and college age girls to interest them in the work of the Guild.

The filmstrip may be rented for \$2.50 or purchased for \$10.00. The showing time is 16 minutes. It is a single frame filmstrip (color). Either 33 1-3 or 78 rpm record... specify choice when ordering. If you do not have a record player the script is included to be read to the group.

### REPORT BOOKS—No More Available

It is urgent that Treasurers and Promotion Secretaries keep up with their report books and when going out of office turn them over to their successor. Many have been mislaid and requests made for new ones.

Literature Headquarters report that their supply is almost exhausted. It is financially impossible to have these books reprinted and duplicate books cannot be given to Guilds who have lost those given them at the beginning of the quadrennium. There is hardly enough left to give to the new guilds recently organized. **Your report book must last through 1956.**





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## The SECRETARY'S Pen

Hello:

Have just finished reading your wonderful reports, and what a thrilling experience. If you have not read the officer's packet given you at the Fourth Annual Meeting in Lake Charles won't you suggest to your president that she share the contents with your group? The District Secretaries and the chairmen of the lines of work certainly made glowing reports of the work done through out the conference. The folders for the reports were made by the Guilds in Lake Charles District and they were beautiful. These packets added much to the success of the meeting. Our sincere thanks to them for such a fine job.

Were you among the 156 delegates representing 36 units who attended our Spring Meeting? All of your conference committee, except Mrs. J. H. McSween, and Mrs. George E. Powell, were there. We are sorry they could not attend, and missed them very much. If you did not attend won't you start now making plans for next year? You know we are going to be in Shreveport for our Fifth Annual Spring Meeting. Let us have representation from each local unit, and as many of our district chairmen as possible.

We had such a wonderful meeting. Our speakers were so very challenging. Enthusiasm and interest were at an all-time high. But we need to reach more employed women. We are not growing in numbers as we should. We have shown very little gain in membership and only two new units organized. Guild women let's pray about this. I solicit your prayers, and I know that your conference Spiritual Life Chairman, Helen Adams, will be happy to work with you in forming prayer circles. Let us resolve here and now to prepare ourselves that we might be ready to do something definite about the employed women of our church that we are not reaching. I know I can depend on you. The president of the Woman's Society of Christain Service and your pastor will be happy to work with you.

There are several pertinent things to call to your attention:

1. By-Laws have been revised and are being printed in *The Methodist Woman*. The local by-laws appeared in the March issue, district, conference and jurisdiction in April issue, and the division will appear in May issue. Also, the Guild Handbook is being revised to agree with the new by-laws. The complete by-laws will be printed in this revision. Watch the back page of *The Methodist Woman* for publishing date.

2. The Marion Lela Norris Scholarship Fund will be a regular appropriation for the next fiscal year beginning in June. This means that it will be a **Guild Special Interest**, and credit will be given toward pledge. There will be a full explanation in the June issue of *The Methodist Woman*.

3. Word has been received from the Division Office to the effect that we are to have a **Wesleyan Service Guild Record Book**. It has a beautiful blue cover with the Guild emblem and the words, "Wesleyan Service Guild" in gold. It contains the purpose of the Guild, a ritual for the reception of new members and space for names, addresses and telephone numbers of members. There is also a place to record Special Memberships. The price is \$1.00.

Watch the back page of *The Methodist Woman* for the new Guild leaflet on recruitment, and the poster of the Guild emblem.

Miss Johnson asked that I remind you that the Guild office has no material for sale. All requests for printed

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## NOEL GUILD—Sponsors Interdenominational Meet of Business Women

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Noel Memorial, Shreveport, sponsored a city wide Interdenominational Fellowship supper and Service on February 16 in observance of Brotherhood Week.

The Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant Faiths were represented. The following protestant denominations were represented: Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Christian, Lutheran, and Episcopal. A representative from each gave a brief resume of the purpose and activities of the Business and Professional Woman's organization within her church.

Mrs. Frank Meleton, a member of the City Inter-Faith Council, active in Parent Teachers Association, a mother, housewife, former member of the Caddo Parish School Board, active in Civic affairs, and a member of the Catholic faith, was the speaker. Mrs. Meleton brought a message of hope and confidence that our nation is bringing brotherhood into realization. She directed the group in opportunities for definite action toward brotherhood and inspiration to practice the principles of brotherhood.

The expression of the group was that this become an annual event. Miss Martha Nicholson, president of Noel Memorial Guild, was named co-ordinator.

The program was under the direction of Miss Virginia Wren, Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, and Miss Martha Nicholson.

## Reminders

### APRIL REMINDERS—

- Pledge paid in full
- Annual District Meetings
- Begin Study, "Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women"
- Local Treasurer's fourth quarter reports due April 15
- Annual Treasurer's report due to be sent your District Secretary

### MAY REMINDERS—

- Install officers
- Pledge service for new year
- Be sure subscription renewals for **Guild Times** are mailed to Lillian Kennedy
- Check goals for completion of year's work
- All officers give report of year's work
- Promotion Secretary makes out annual report to local Woman's Society and District Secretary
- Send your officers registration list with names and addresses to your District Secretary and Conference Secretary.

### JUNE REMINDERS—

- New Guild fiscal year begins
- Pledge and budget made for year
- Plan to enlist every employed church woman as member of Jurisdiction School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah—June 21-28
- Jurisdiction Guild Weekend—June 24-26

### JULY REMINDERS—

- Order program and worship books
- Local Treasurer's first quarter reports due, July 15
- Guild Weekend, July 15, 16 and 17





Unit III of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Mangum Methodist Church, Shreveport, held a dinner meeting for prospective members, Monday, January 17, at the church. Pictured above are nine new members along with their hostess unit. Standing: Alice Estes, Mrs. William Smith, Mamie Ruth Huffman, Florine Richards, Mary Elizabeth Davis, Mrs. Inez Meeker, Beverly Ann Pratt and Octavia Smith. Seated: Ann Dance, Mrs. Robert Worrell, Mrs. Dollie Brown, Wilma Jolley, and Ola Richard.

Mrs. Octavia Smith, Spiritual Life Chairman, welcomed the new members and guests. Arline Tyler gave an inspiring talk on the different phases of the guild and explained the meaning of the guild emblem. Mrs. Dolly Brown, president, spoke on the activities of Unit III.

## 156 ATTEND SPRING MEETING REPRESENTING 36 GUILDS

The spacious and beautiful Fellowship Hall, which is a part of the new Educational Building at First Methodist Church, in Lake Charles, was the scene of our Fourth Annual Spring Meeting where 156 registered delegates attended the two-day conference.

The Guilds in Lake Charles did show that true southern hospitality with their friendliness. Our special thanks go to Helen Adams and Lena Sweeney and their committees for a job well done.

Besides Judge Burch, whom we have quoted elsewhere in this issue, we had Mrs. James T. Harris, Monroe, on our Saturday night program bringing us a message "For the Living of These Days" and Miss Margaret Billingsley who spoke Saturday night and Sunday morning. Miss Billingsley is Executive Secretary of work in Japan, Korea, and the Philippines. Our Woman's Society of Conference President, Mrs. C. I. Jones, spoke on "The Southern Cross".

On Saturday night our meeting was closed with a communion service. Mrs. W. W. Paxton (Julia Reid) brought the Sunday morning meditation.

Mrs. Minza Rabun, presided throughout the meeting. She announced that Miss Jenibe Westbrook was appointed as Recording Secretary to serve on the Guild committee.

Miss Westbrook, Vice-president of the First Church Guild, Monroe, is a receptionist for a firm of lawyers.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT held a program committee meeting in Opelousas on Sunday, March 27, with the District Secretary, Marilynn Carter, New Iberia, and the district chairmen and representatives from the Rayne, La., Guild. They plan to have their District meeting in Rayne on May 15, 2 P. M. with Mrs. R. R. Branton, wife of the Lafayette District Superintendent, as principal speaker. The Lafayette District has four Guilds, and they are looking forward to organizing one in Lafayette.

## Lillian Kennedy to be New Editor

Miss Lillian Kennedy, Baton Rouge, will become the new Editor of Guild Times starting with your next issue. Lillian has served for the past three years as District Secretary of the Baton Rouge Guilds. She is connected with the school board in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Miss Kennedy's appointment as Editor and Conference Chairman of Publicity was announced at our spring meeting in Lake Charles. She succeeds Dorothy Dunbar, Opelousas, who served on the Guild committee for the last six years.

All news stories and subscriptions should be sent to Lillian Kennedy, 5545 Jackson Avenue, Baton Rouge 6, La. in the future.

Ex-Editor's comment: In the best interest of GUILD TIMES and the demands of my work as a self-employed person, I feel that it was necessary that I request a release as editor of our Guild paper and Conference publicity chairman. I wish to express my sincere thanks to each of you who have pledged your support with your subscriptions, your news articles and your prayers so that we could make this a continuing instrument of promotion in our conference. It is with regret I leave you as Editor, but I rejoice with you that Lillian Kennedy accepted the Editorship and will take up from here. Give her your support as you have done with me. Dorothy Dunbar.

## THE SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

The Shreveport District will hold its fourth quarter's meeting in Mansfield on April 24. The program will feature reports. The speaker has not been announced yet as they held their district executive committee meeting on April 1.

Quarterly meetings are being held in the Shreveport District and are found to be most successful, according to Arline Tyler, their district secretary.

On April 5, Arline will meet with interested persons in Bossier City at the First Methodist Church and help in the organization of its first unit of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

## THE SECRETARY'S PEN—Continued from page one

materials go to Literature Headquarters or Literature Salesrooms. Many orders are delayed because they go to the New York office first.

Your Third Quarter reports showed much increase in many areas of giving. However, we are still lagging in our giving to the Alcohol Fund, Cultivation, and in subscriptions to the Magazine and Picture Fund. Thank you for your letters, words of encouragement, but most of all for the privilege of working with you that God's Kingdom might be realized through The Living of These Days.

Lovingly,  
MINZA RABUN  
Your Conference Secretary

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Judge  
Fannie E. Burch  
Speaks at  
Spring Meeting



While our entire program during the Fourth Annual Spring Meeting held in Lake Charles on March 19-20 was a most interesting one, we would like to give you something of each talk. Since space does not permit us to do this, we have chosen to present to you some notes from the talk given by our own Guild Member, Judge Fannie Burch, Amite. Miss Burch spoke during the Sunday morning program on, "The Church Woman and Her Political Responsibility". Quoting Judge Burch, "I have a feeling that today I am speaking to **Women of Destiny**. Do you feel that way, too—that you are a woman of destiny?"

I am sure you feel that **America - nation of destiny**.  
As a **citizen you are forming that destiny**.

America will fulfill her destiny in direct proportion to the number of her citizens consecrated to fulfilling God's purpose for their lives.

Is there a woman here who does not vote? (Don't answer that - except to yourself). Is there a woman here who thinks politics rotten?

What is meant by being:  
Nation of Destiny  
Woman of Destiny?

**Called of God for special task or purpose that affects destiny of the world.**

Is America called of God such as Hebrew Nation?

Let's Compare:  
God called Abram from Ur of Chaldees  
God called Pilgrims from Europe - free worship!

God freed:  
Hebrews from Egyptian bondage  
America from British tyranny

Moses, chosen of God as deliverer  
Our leaders - God-fearing and God-following men  
Washington praying at Valley Forge  
Thos. Jefferson's faith in common man.  
Benj. Franklin instituted custom of opening Congress with prayer.

Our national motto: "In God We Trust" was not chosen by chance, but from abiding faith.

If these men had been profane as "debunkers" claim, would we know fruits of righteousness we now enjoy. **No**. By fruits you know them.

**The harvest reveals character of seed planted.**  
Law suit damages - seed house sold collard for cabbage seed.

A less devout man than Washington would have succumbed to pressure of personal ambition and become king, instead of president.

Compare ours to Russian Revolution.  
In 1917 Russian people overthrew Czarist tyranny.  
But leaders betrayed people - not God-fearing.  
In 1918 overthrown and Bolsheviks took over.  
(Bolsheviks fore-runners of Communism)  
Hundreds of thousands Russia's best citizens fled into exile - some to China - to Yugoslavia - to America.

Our fate could have been the same, but for our godly heritage, praying leaders.

Fruits of righteousness we enjoy don't just happen but are caused.

Seeds of righteousness must be first sown before reaped.

But you say: What had this to do with me? Now?  
Politics are rotten  
Politicians are rotten  
Honest people never get elected!

In a Democracy, politics are People, you and I.

We get discouraged:  
So few good people run for office.  
So many who do get defeated  
So many good people who are elected succumb afterwards to temptations of graft  
Too many good people lose heart  
Why bother - nothing we can do anyway  
Money can do anything - we can't cope with it.

Absence of godly people in high places - tragedy.  
Continuous planting of seeds of righteousness to insure a harvest of fruits of righteousness.

### THE NEED OF NOW

by Douglas Malloch

The need of now is virtuous thinking  
(Whole virtues, not half virtues, friends).  
A little less of private winking,  
Of justifying means with ends.

No end is right accomplished wrongly,  
The only good is good all through.  
Men must believe, believe so strongly  
That nothing but the right will do.

For truth is not a thing of season,  
A thing to barter or to trade;  
Men must be right before they reason,  
And then may reason unafraid.

The need of now is virtuous leading  
(Straight up, straight on, whatever cause).  
Not writing what will make good reading,  
Or speaking only for applause.

The need of now is virtuous doing  
(To think the right is not enough),  
The path discovering, pursuing,  
However hard, however rough.

They nothing to the world are giving  
Who, knowing right, the wrong allow:  
Right thinking, leading, doing, living  
These are the need, the need of now.

—The Owl

In response to questions put to her from various sources, Miss Burch said "that her election to District Judgeship was not a political ambition, but a divine call to serve".



## FINANCE

We cannot over emphasize the importance of the "Handbook on Finance" which may be obtained from Literature Headquarters at 15c each. Your local Finance committee will soon meet to make a budget for the new year. If every member of your committee had a copy it would be a tremendous help in making up a budget.

Please remember though that such explanations on Student, Youth and Children Funds does not apply to the Guild budget. The **Handbook on Finance** is for both organizations and we are to apply those things that concern the Guild.

You will find a section on "Questions and Answers" which is most helpful. This section gives answers to many questions that usually come up during a district meeting or Guild weekend. Order several copies before your finance committee meets! Better still, let your finance committee plan a program using this book when they present the budget for adoption.

If the pledge has been paid to the district or conference treasurer and the Wesleyan Service Guild raises more money than its initial budget for all purposes, does the additional money have to be divided or may it be applied in full to local church and community activities?

It is suggested that the additional money be divided in the same proportion as the original budget was divided.

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**APPROPRIATIONS.** Appropriations are the definite amounts authorized by action of the Woman's Division for the support of the work of the Division.

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**FISCAL YEAR.** The fiscal year of the Woman's Division of Christian Service is the same as the appropriation year and covers the period of June 1 to May 31.

### WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

#### Summary of Third Quarterly Reports of Local Unit Secretaries of Promotion From 12-1-54 to 3-1-55

Name—Minza Rabun  
Address—504 Jackson St.  
City and State—Bastrop, Louisiana

Conference—Louisiana Number Units 86  
Jurisdiction—South Central No. Dist. Mem. 0

Districts	No. Units	No. Units Reporting	New Members this quarter	Total Membership	Trans. to W. S. C. S.	New Units Organized	Number of Meetings held	Number in Study Classes	Value of New material sent	Cash Supply sent	Amount Paid For Missions	Amount Paid for Week of Prayer	Amount Paid to Alcohol Fund	Amount Paid to Cultivation	Amount Paid to CSR & LCA
Alexandria	10	10	4	182			44	41		99.00	310.15	47.00		4.80	55.61
Baton Rouge	12	12	7	225	1		43	77	10.00	64.50	343.56	182.00	24.75	13.50	98.42
Lafayette	4	4	1	73			20	10		17.50	244.70				100.75
Lake Charles	13	11	9	216			41			122.72	525.04	61.80	13.64	10.75	184.45
Monroe	11	11	5	292	4		42	88	75.00	34.15	459.65	101.67			318.89
New Orleans	8	8	2	204			29	26		71.25	467.75	35.25	5.50	.50	396.67
Ruston	10	10	20	255		1	43	135	1.25	64.04	561.36	87.89	10.00		128.51
Shreveport	18	18	8	351			55	112		111.44	621.60	120.60	16.75	*88.32	416.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1798</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>86.25</b>	<b>584.60</b>	<b>3,533.71</b>	<b>636.21</b>	<b>60.64</b>	<b>117.87</b>	<b>1,700.13</b>

In Remembrance	Jurisdiction Project	Special Memberships Baby	Youth	Adults	Home	Supplies Foreign	Treasure Chest	Magazine & Picture Fund
Alexandria	15.00			25.00	63.50	35.50		
Baton Rouge					55.00	9.50	16.89	5.00
Lafayette	5.00		5.00		11.25	6.25		
Lake Charles				50.00	70.22	52.50		
Monroe			10.00	100.00	11.80	22.35		
New Orleans		5.00		100.00	30.00	41.25		3.75
Ruston	62.50	71.84		125.00	18.75	45.29		
Shreveport				100.00	70.64	40.80		2.50
<b>\$67.50</b>	<b>91.84</b>	<b>15.00</b>		<b>400.00</b>	<b>331.16</b>	<b>253.55</b>	<b>16.89</b>	<b>11.25</b>





## SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS

"In Honor Preferring One Another" (Romans 13:10)

Many Guild members are not familiar with Special Memberships and there has been some discussion concerning the purpose of these memberships. Therefore we are quoting an article on page 19 in the Handbook on Finance:

"The purpose of special memberships is two-fold: they give honor to whom honor is due and at the same time they add to the funds to carry on the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The following types of Memberships are available:

Honorary Baby Membership (through 5 years)	\$5.00
Honorary Jr. Membership (from 6 thru 11 years)	\$10.00
Honorary Youth Membership (from 12 thru 23 years)	\$15.00
Adult Life Membership	\$25.00
Honorary Life Membership	\$100.00
Honorary Life Patron	\$300.00
Memorial Membership	\$50.00

Funds for these memberships are sent through regular channels of finance and credit is given on the pledge of the local, district, and the conference Wesleyan Service Guild. It should be understood, however, that Guilds in the local church and in the districts and conferences will use this method to secure extra funds for the work of the Woman's Division and that such funds for memberships will be an **additional gift**. Each person honored in this way receives a special certificate, and special pins are provided for Adult Life, Honorary Life, Honorary Life Patron, and Wesleyan Service Guild Adult Life Memberships.

A Memorial Membership gives an opportunity for families, and the Guilds in the local church, in the districts and conferences to honor loved ones who have died. Gifts received for Memorial Memberships, as part of the appropriations of the Woman's Division, help to pay retirement salaries for missionaries and deaconesses."

**When ordering adult life membership pins and certificates for Guild Members be sure to state it is for a Guild member. There are special certificates and pins indicating Wesleyan Service Guild.**

The "Handbook on Finance" may be ordered from Literature Headquarters.

### IN REMEMBRANCE GIFTS

We wish to further quote the **Handbook on Finance**, concerning "In Remembrance Gifts". "In Remembrance Gifts" are given instead of flowers to honor members who have died. (Or any person not necessarily a member of the Guild). Cards are provided for informing the family of the gift, and also for the donor. The "In Remembrance Gifts", which are to be sent through the regular channels of finance, are given credit on the pledge of the Guild in the local church, the district and the conference, and, just as in the case with special memberships, will be made as additional gifts.

The cards may be secured only at Literature Headquarters for 10 cents per set. It is suggested that your treasurer keep several of these on hand, so she may send them when such gifts are made.

## SCHOOL OF MISSIONS—

The Conference School of Missions will be held at Centenary College on August 8 through August 12. Since we (the Guild and Woman's Society) will not be meeting in conjunction with Pastors School this year, we will have the use of all the air conditioned class rooms, according to Miss Grace Lawson.

It will be a pleasant as well as a profitable way to spend a week of vacation. Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport District Secretary, will be in charge of Guild activities during the School of Missions with the assistance of Grace, Guild chairman of Missionary Education. Arline will attend the Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah as Conference delegate.

Guild activities will be scheduled in the early afternoon so as to make it possible for Guild members to also attend the clinics in our lines of work along with the members of the Woman's Society.

## Missionary Tour To Mexico

AUGUST 1-15

If you are interested in making a missionary tour of Mexico with Guild members in South Central Jurisdiction in August write immediately to:

Mrs. H. C. Pletz,  
P. O. Box 8192  
San Antonio, Texas

A chartered bus will leave Monday, August 1, from San Antonio for Laredo. From there you will depart via Pan American Airways for Mexico City where you are met, and transferred with baggage, to the Mexico City hotel. From then on you will travel by bus, sightseeing, visiting our missions, and browsing through old cities of Mexico and seeing the orchid and gardenia-clad jungles of Fortin de los Flores.

You will return to Mexico City on Thursday, August 11 and depart Friday for San Antonio.

The cost is \$190.00, which includes all transportation from San Antonio, Texas to Mexico and return, with chartered service throughout; all hotels; all baggage transfer and tips for same; all bell boy tips; all tours as outlined in their itinerary; meals as outlined and tour guides and visa.

A deposit of \$15.00 is required by hotels. This will be refunded in case of cancellation if such is made 48 hours prior to departure from San Antonio. Please send the deposit of \$15.00 to Mrs. Pletz. The final payment must be made not later than July 15. If you are interested we urge you to write Mrs. Pletz immediately. Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrup, and Lillian Kennedy, Baton Rouge, are expecting to make this tour with the group.

## UNIT 1,

## Mangum Guild Honored at Open House by Charter Member

Mrs. Reuben Smith entertained Sunday afternoon, February 13, in the home of Mrs. Joe Bond, with an open house honoring Unit 1, Wesleyan Service Guild, Mangum Memorial Church, Shreveport, commemorating their fourteenth anniversary.

Mrs. Smith received with Mrs. Leon Hill, president of Unit 1 and Mrs. Ben Butler, charter member. Mrs. Joe Bond registered callers in the guest book.

The valentine motif was used in decorations throughout the house, featuring red and white carnations and floating arrangements of red camellias. Mrs. Lamar Kelly entertained the guests with soft music played on an antique organ.

In the dining room, the table was laid with an imported cloth of white Irish Linen and featured as its central ornament of red and white carnations centered in a large open heart covered with red tulle. Four red tapers, adorned with red tulle, were placed at vantage points around the central decoration. At one end of the table was the birthday cake of twin hearts, inscribed "Unit 1, WSG" and 1941-1955". At the opposite end was the silver coffee service.

Mrs. Lamar Kelly, Mrs. Rudy Valentine, Mrs. Dollie Brown, past presidents of Unit 1, and Mrs. Lily Carter, President of Unit 11, alternated in serving in the dining room.

A large number of members and friends of Unit 1 called during the receiving hours.





### PLEASE NOTE

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## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT NEWS

According to district secretary, Margaret McGowan, New Orleans, they are planning their district election on Monday, April 25, at the Methodist Home Hospital. Margaret has served as district secretary for the past two years.

St. Lukes Guild is having a style show in cooperation with the Woman's Society. It was such a success last year, they are having another one.

Rayne Memorial is planning their usual visit to Dulac as they have collected a lot of Medical supplies for them. They are also supporting an Indian student through school.

NEW GUILD—has been formed at the John Wesley Foundation with Miss Betty Sessions as president. Considerable interest has been shown in the organization of Guilds at St. Bernard, Slidell and other churches within New Orleans. Congratulations to the New Orleans district.

## President Shoud Be Employed Woman

Now that it is election time in the local and district, we feel that we should remind you to be concerned over electing **employed women** to serve as president of our local units and to district chairmanships and as district secretaries.

The duties of officers in a local unit clearly states that the president should be an **employed woman**, strong Christian character, charm, organization ability, and spiritual experience, a recognized leader in the group, with the ability to make each member feel that she counts in the program of the Guild.

We know that the Guild is for employed women and we should recognize that fact and respect the organization of the Woman's Society. This also applies to the fact that there is not any such organization as "Business and Professional Woman's Circle" in the Woman's Society.

In several districts there will be elections for district secretaries and chairmen of the various lines of work. We hope that the research committee keeps the above in mind when asking someone to serve.

District officers shall be elected for a term of two years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office. Local officers can not serve over four years in the same office. (See changes in March issue of the Methodist Woman, Guild page; also, read changes in the April issue).

## RECOMMENDATIONS—1955-56

### IT IS RECOMMENDED:

#### In Recruitment

1. That because so many Wesleyan Service Guild members have the necessary preparation, a concerted and attractive appeal be made in conference, district, and local Guild groups in an effort to recruit suitable, capable, and adequately trained women for Christian Missionary Service.

#### In Membership

2. That with a greater determination than ever before we widen the outreach of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the area of interesting every employed woman in the Methodist Church in membership.

- (a) Through the organization of new units.
- (b) Through making attractive appeal to younger women
- (c) Through the enlistment of women from the varied vocations
- (d) Through special attention to the new-comers

#### In World Brotherhood

3. That the Guild sustaining fellowship of a world Christian Church.

- (a) That as Christian employed women, realizing we have a personal witness in our everyday living, we are concerned with the needs of people everywhere.
- (b) That we affirm belief in the United Nations as the World's best hope for peace.

#### In Giving

4. That Guild units prayerfully make their budgets, taking into account the urgent needs on the foreign fields, and that greater use be made of the Treasure Chest.

- (a) That every Guild consider giving one or more Special Memberships.

#### In Cultivation Fund

5. We recommend the following which was approved by the Executive Committee of the Woman's Division after special study: (Editor's note: this does not have reference to local cultivation)

- (a) That money raised for cultivation purposes by both the W. S. C. S. and W. S. G. be placed in one fund, to be used for the total program of the Societies and Guilds on the basis of need, with the understanding that the treasurer (on dist., conf., and juris. levels) will keep the record of receipts from each group separate on her books so that information of these totals may be available for both Guilds and Societies
- (b) That the Wesleyan Service Guild present its own plans for a cultivation program to a meeting of the Conference Committee on Finance, with the Conference Guild Secretary present to participate in discussions of plans for raising cultivation funds and for drawing up of budgets for the expenditures of such funds, this same procedure to be followed on both District and Jurisdiction levels, thus avoiding separate fund raising projects for cultivation of Guilds and Societies.

#### In Missionary Education

6. (a) That a greater attempt be made to get all district Guild Secretaries in attendance at the Conference School of Missions.
- (b) That each local unit strive for at least two studies. That a Guild clinic be held in connection with the Conference School of Missions.

#### In Reporting

7. That a leadership class be conducted on all levels not only for the purpose but for a greater appreciation of our great organization.

8. That we make Christ the center of our every undertaking in our great work in the Wesleyan Service Guild and the church.





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## DEDICATION

"Where there is no vision the people perish." Thus spoke the wise man long ago. He knew how little would be accomplished in this world of ours without dreams, vision, faith. How grateful we are for Guild members with vision! How grateful we are for Dorothy Dunbar whose vision brought GUILD TIMES into being! It was she who realized what an official publication of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Louisiana Conference could mean to promoting the work, to informing members, to bringing local Guilds into the larger fellowship of our Conference and National organization. Refusing to be daunted by the stark fact that there was in sight no certain financial support for such a newspaper or the equally hard fact that to publish it would require great personal sacrifice on her part, Dorothy launched GUILD TIMES as an adventure in faith. And God has crowned her efforts with success, for she has brought the infant publication to the point where it has won support from the Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. GUILD TIMES is firmly established as an essential in the publicity program of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

It is characteristic of Dorothy to venture with faith into the unknown. Eight years ago she cut all ties to secure employment, and organized her own retail camera and book shop. Photography is Dorothy's hobby, and she wanted to share with others the pleasure and satisfaction she finds in it. For this reason, too, Dorothy is a volunteer worker in the Opelousas Recreation Program, teaching children, young people, and adults how to make pictures they can show with pride.

Before opening her own shop, Dorothy was bookkeeper and classified advertising manager of the Opelousas **Daily World**. She laughingly tells of the war years when the working force on the newspaper was greatly reduced and the scope of her work was very much enlarged, sometimes to include writing copy, doing newspaper make-up, and even occasionally delivering papers.

Dorothy has served almost eighteen years on the Official Board of her church, several years on the Commission on Education, and she is Vice-Chairman of the Opelousas Retail Merchant's Division of the Association of Commerce. Her service to her own local Guild, to the District and Conference has been outstanding.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Louisiana Conference owes a debt of gratitude to the first editor of GUILD TIMES. In recognition of this fact and with love and appreciation, we dedicate this issue of GUILD TIMES to Dorothy Dunbar.



MISS DOROTHY DUNBAR

## GUILD WELL REPRESENTED AT MT. SEQUOYAH

The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild was well represented at the Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, last month. Heading the Louisiana delegation was Grace Lawson who was pinch-hitting for Minza Rabun, our Conference Secretary, who could not attend this year. With her at Mt. Sequoyah were Lena Sweeney, Secretary of the Lake Charles District, and Arline Tyler, Secretary of the Shreveport District.

We are looking forward to hearing from our three delegates at Camp Brewer during Guild Week End.

## DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS TO BE DISPLAYED AT CAMP BREWER

Plans have been made to arrange a display of devotional materials at Camp Brewer for Guild Week End. It is hoped that this will be no ordinary or formal book exhibit, but a real sharing of what has been meaningful and enriching to the personal lives of Guild members.

You are invited to have a part in this effort. Won't you bring to Camp Brewer books and pamphlets which have been helpful to you and lend them for the display? Be sure your name and address are written on all materials to insure their return to you.



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## PERHAPS GOD IS WAITING

When report time comes around again, and an evaluation of the local Guild must be made, we can often look with gratitude and satisfaction on the gifts we have been able to give to missions, the service we have been able to render to our church and to needy humanity. We can even feel oft-times that we've made some progress in deepening the spiritual experience of our group. But when we look at membership figures we are crestfallen and ashamed. How often we find that we've lost as many as we've gained! Sometimes we find that we must report fewer members at the end of the year than we had at its beginning. The great problem of growth in membership plagues Guilds throughout Methodism. We recognize this as a serious matter for we know all too well that that which does not grow, dies.

Is there a solution to this problem? One Guild has found an answer. Its members have discovered that membership drives and publicity campaigns—though valuable—cannot bring about solid, steady growth. They have learned that the real solution is found within the Guild itself, within each member herself. It is a matter of attitude and dedication. Each member must come to know the importance of the work of the Guild—that is a part of God's plan for the realization of His Kingdom; and each member must know that God depends on her to do her share and that her share may be just devotion to the Guild in faithful attendance and in prayer for its success.

What would happen to the Wesleyan Service Guild if each member dedicated herself to regular attendance, month after month, at meetings? The solution of Guild growth may be found through our search for an answer to this question.

What about your Guild? Will the challenge of faithful attendance be made to your members? Will you as an individual set an example?

Perhaps we ourselves have kept God from answering our prayers for growth in membership. Perhaps He is waiting for our complete dedication. It may be as simple as this.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO VELA CLEVELAND

It's Dr. Vela Cleveland now! Vela received her M.D. Degree at the June Commencement of Tulane University. Members of Carrollton Guild, New Orleans, claim Dr. Cleveland as their own but share their pride in her with all Guilds of the State. Guild members of Louisiana have come to know and admire Vela through their contacts with her each year at Guild Week End at Camp Brewer where she has contributed so much to make these occasions meaningful and beautiful. Vela begins now the final phase of her training which she plans to use in her medical missionary work in India.

After July 1st, Dr. Cleveland's address will be: Intern, Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana.

## WILL YOU HELP?

If the name or address on your paper is not correct, or if you know of someone who subscribed and did not receive a copy of GUILD TIMES, please notify your editor.

## A MESSAGE TO GUILD PRESIDENTS

It has been said that the highest honor that can come to a Methodist woman is to be elected to serve as president of the Wesleyan Service Guild or the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The fact that you are serving in this capacity is proof that the Master has called for you, and you have answered that call.

Many are the duties and responsibilities of presidents, but far outweighing these are the joy and satisfaction of having an important share in working that the Kingdom of God may be realized.

Guild Week End at Camp Brewer should make an extra special appeal to Guild Presidents as an opportunity to prepare themselves for leadership of the highest quality. It is an occasion to "come apart" for awhile for quiet meditation and spiritual enrichment, for fellowship with those who have common purposes. It provides a chance for getting information which would be difficult to find in printed materials. It offers the opportunity for a brief period of rest and relaxation which are essential to healthy minds, bodies, and spirits.

A special appeal is being made to Guild Presidents to attend Guild Week End this year. It is hoped that many of you will say to your Guild members, "Come with me, I am going to Camp Brewer for Guild Week End."

## ALEXANDRIA AND BATON ROUGE DISTRICTS ELECT NEW SECRETARIES

Mrs. E. E. Roberts was elected Secretary of the Alexandria District at the annual meeting held in Pineville, May 15, succeeding Mrs. Neva Rye in this office. Other district officers selected were Miss Louise Jones of Pineville, Chairman of Missionary Education; and Mrs. Lessie Rogers of Winnfield, Spiritual Life Chairman. Chosen to serve on the District Guild Committee were Mrs. P. M. Carraway, Pineville, and Mrs. W. H. Rollins of Trinity Church, Alexandria.

Mrs. Robley Davis, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education of the Woman's Society, was the featured speaker at the meeting.

Miss Mary Lucile Napier of Kentwood was elected Secretary of the Baton Rouge District. She succeeds Lillian Kennedy who resigned to become editor of GUILD TIMES. Elected to serve with her were Judge Fannie Burch of Amite, Spiritual Life Chairman, and Mrs. Marjorie Longsdorf of First Church, Baton Rouge, Chairman of Missionary Education. Mrs. Sybil Farr is presently serving as Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

These officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Baton Rouge District Guild held at Hammond, Louisiana, on May 15.

The meeting was opened by a devotional led by Mrs. Edward Thomas. Mrs. Thomas used the story of Mary and Martha to develop from the Wesleyan Service Guild initials the ways in which "We Serve God." Mrs. C. F. Goldthwaite of New Orleans, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, challenged the members to new efforts to serve God and mankind through improving race relations, through interest and participation in affairs of our local, state, and national governments, and through continued support of the United Nations.

A feature of the meeting was reports given by local Guild presidents.

A most helpful presentation of the year's financial report was given by Mrs. R. O. Coopender, District Treasurer. Mrs. Coopender provided for each member a chart showing the 1954-1955 gifts of every guild in the district and the purposes to which the gifts were directed. In a stimulating discussion which followed her talk, Mrs. Coopender cleared up matters which had been confusing to individual Guilds and answered questions concerning ways that reporting might be improved.

A social hour concluded the meeting. Members of the Hammond Guild, of which Mrs. Vesta Rownd is president, were hostesses.



# GUILD WEEK END — JULY 15, 16, 17, 1955

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

THEME: CROWN THY GOOD WITH BROTHERHOOD

### Friday, July 15

No program planned—bring your own supper.

### Saturday, July 16

#### Morning

- 5:30—Coffee in dining hall
- 6:00—Individual devotions at Vesper Point
- 7:30—Breakfast in dining hall
- 8:00—Registration (Dining Hall Porch) — Mrs. E. E. Roberts
- 9:30-12:00—Coaching Conference for Wesleyan Service Guild Conference Executive Committee
- 9:30-12:00—Hobby Groups — Mrs. Cornelia P. Staples  
Miss Mary Sue Staples
- 9:30-12:00—Spiritual Life Study
- 12:30—Luncheon in dining hall

#### Afternoon

- 2:00—Convening of Week End, Mrs. Minza Rabun
- 2:10—Meditation
- Announcements
- 2:40—Presentation of Recommendations, 1955-1956 — Miss Sue Batton
- 2:55—Buzz Sessions on Recommendations
- 3:40—Reports from Buzz Sessions
- 4:00-6:00—Recreation (Swim, Sing, Rest)

#### Evening

- 6:00—Supper
- 7:00—Vespers
- 7:30—Presentation of Approved Study Materials, 1955-1956
  - Five Spiritual Classics ..... Miss Arline Tyler
  - Indian Americans ..... Miss Grace Lawson
  - Missions ..... Mrs. Lena Sweeney
- 8:00—Films and Slides  
(Including showing of filmstrip on Guild Promotion:  
NEEDED: YOUR TIME AND TALENT)

### Sunday, July 17

#### Morning

- 6:00—Rising Bell
- 6:30—Coffee in dining hall
- 6:50—Quiet walk to Vesper Point
- 7:00—Morning Watch
- 7:30—Breakfast
- 8:00—Sharing Period in Lines of Work
- 8:30—Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities Panel — Miss Emma Kuntz
- 9:30—Free Time
- 10:45—Missionary Hour — Miss Dorothy Thompson
- 12:15—Dinner

## PLANS COMPLETED FOR CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

This spring, Grace Lawson and Arline Tyler met with the Conference Chairman of Missionary Education of the Woman's Society, Mrs. Robley Davis, and her committee to assist in making final plans for the School of Missions to be held at Centenary College, Shreveport, August 8-12. They report that a most helpful program has been arranged and urge that members of Wesleyan Service Guild take advantage of this opportunity for further training.

Years wrinkle the face, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.  
—Watterson

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Mail registration sheet included with this paper  
before July 11, 1955, to  
MRS. E. E. ROBERTS  
2450 Alma Street — Phone 6731  
Alexandria, Louisiana

**WHEN?** Friday, July 15, through Sunday, July 17. Camp will be open Friday night for the early arrivals. Bring your own Friday night supper. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

**WHERE?** CAMP BREWER, near Forest Hill, Louisiana, Highway 165, south of Alexandria.

**WHO?** All Wesleyan Service Guild members, and prospective members. Woman's Society members are invited to attend.

**WHAT?** A time apart for spiritual refreshment. A program to widen horizons of opportunity and joy in Wesleyan Service Guild work. A chance for fellowship and fun.

**WHAT TO BRING?** Sheets for a single bed, pillow and case, towels, bathing suit, etc.

**COST?** \$5.00 is the total cost for one person for the full Week End. To be paid on arrival. For those who attend part of the time, the cost will be less. Insurance fee is included in the above amount.

Saturday breakfast .....	\$ .50
Saturday lunch .....	.75
Saturday supper .....	.75
Sunday breakfast .....	.50
Sunday dinner .....	1.00
Registration and Insurance .....	1.00
Ground fee per day .....	.25

**REGISTRATION:** Mail registration early. July 11 is right upon us. Don't delay!

**INSURANCE:** Insurance fee is included in the cost of registration and will cover you from the time you leave home until you return. It will cover accidents and illness.

## LITERATURE AVAILABLE AT CAMP BREWER

The committee in charge of literature and publications is making an all-out effort to have plenty of literature on hand at Camp Brewer. Why not provide your delegate with funds to buy your program books and other materials for the new year?

I know not where His islands lift  
Their fronded palms in air,  
I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond His love and care.

## IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN THERE?

A report on the roll of subscribers to GUILD TIMES will be made in the October issue of the paper. Have all subscribers in your Guild sent in their renewals? Are there new subscribers in your group?



MISS GERALDINE HUNT

## GUILD MEMBER BECOMES RURAL WORKER

Ruston District is proud of Miss Geraldine Hunt of Haynesville who is devoting her time and talents to the work of God's Kingdom. Miss Hunt recently joined the staff of the Inter-Board Council of Methodist Churches in Johnson City District of the Holston Conference, and is serving as a rural worker in the Woman's Division of Christian Service in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin C. Hunt of Haynesville, Geraldine is a graduate of Centenary College where she earned her Bachelor of Music Degree in 1951. She also studied voice and education at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. She trained for her present work at National College for Christian Workers at Kansas City, Missouri.

A loyal and devoted member of the Haynesville Wesleyan Service Guild, Geraldine contributed much to the work of her church, serving as church organist and working in young people's groups. She participated in the Methodist Student Movement and worked in the Wesley Foundation at College.

As a tribute to Miss Hunt's fine leadership, the local Women's Society and Guild presented to her a Life Membership before she left to take up her new work. The presentation was made by Mrs. Charles Camp, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

## MISS HELEN ADAMS ON TRIP TO EUROPE

Miss Helen Adams, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life for the Wesleyan Service Guild, is traveling in Europe this summer. During her absence, Thessa Atkins will carry on the work of this office for the Conference.

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE DISTRICT SECRETARIES

### Wesleyan Service Guild

ALEXANDRIA: Mrs. E. E. Roberts, 2450 Alma Street, Alexandria, Louisiana  
 BATON ROUGE: Miss Mary Lucile Napier, Kentwood, Louisiana  
 LAFAYETTE: Miss Marilyn Carter, P. O. Box 150, New Iberia, Louisiana  
 LAKE CHARLES: Mrs. Lena S. Sweeney, 3523 Louisiana Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana  
 MONROE: Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, 725 Van Avenue, Bastrop, Louisiana  
 NEW ORLEANS: Miss Margaret McGowan, 4468 Music Street, New Orleans, Louisiana  
 RUSTON: Miss Sue Batton, 300 North Broadway, Minden, Louisiana  
 SHREVEPORT: Miss Arline Tyler, 1546 Magnolia Street, Shreveport, Louisiana

## NEW GUILD ORGANIZED IN LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Miss Marilyn Carter, Secretary of the Lafayette District, announces that a new Guild was organized May 17, 1955, at Lafayette, Louisiana. There are nine charter members of the Guild, and the honor of holding the office of first president goes to Mrs. Georgia Peterson. Serving with Mrs. Peterson in the leadership of the Lafayette Guild are Miss Vivian Jester, Miss Marie Pace, Miss Hermine Tate, Miss Helen Sullivan, and Mrs. Effie Flowers. Mrs. Fred Flurry is coordinator of the Guild. Installation services for the new officers were conducted by Miss Dorothy Dunbar.

The second annual spring meeting of the Lafayette District Guild was held at Rayne, Louisiana, on May 15, 1955. An inspiring message on the theme of the meeting, "The Master Calleth for Thee," was brought by Mrs. R. R. Branton, wife of the District Superintendent. Another highlight of the program was the presentation of three Life Memberships. Reports from each local Guild and from the District Chairmen of lines of work were heard, and brief talks were made by officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. P. D. Lambert, District President, Mrs. George Thomas, District Promotion Secretary, and Mrs. Paul Lasseigne, District Treasurer.

After the meeting there was a fellowship hour with the Rayne Guild serving as hostess group.

## NEW MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Two new pieces of material which will be of great interest and help to Guilds are now available at Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. One is a most attractive book intended for use as a permanent record of the names, addresses, and phone numbers of Guild members. There is also a place to write the names of those receiving Life Memberships with the dates the presentations are made. With its beautiful cover of blue and gold, this book can be a very valuable addition to local Guild records. The cost of the book is one dollar.

The other piece of material is a poster of the Guild emblem. There has been a great need for such a poster, and many Guilds, as a last resort, have made their own. We are pleased to announce that all Guilds can now have a large print of the emblem in color for only ten cents.

When you order these materials, be sure to request several copies of the Literature Catalog. The officers of your Guild will find listed in it a wealth of material for use throughout the year in Guild programs.

## MRS. W. W. JOHNSON HEADS BOSSIER CITY GUILD

Bossier City First Methodist Church organized its first Unit of the Wesleyan Service Guild on April 18, 1955, with a membership of ten. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. W. Johnson; Vice-President, Mrs. O. L. Brooks; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. W. C. McCord; Treasurer, Miss Amelia Smith; Coordinator, Mrs. A. C. Davis.



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Hello:

May I use this means of congratulating each of you on being elected to the various offices you have been chosen to fill. Remember you have been given the highest expression of confidence that can be placed in you. To serve as presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and chairmen of lines of work is no easy task, but with God as your helper, and our great organization of Christian Service behind you, you cannot help but do a great job. I join with others in asking God's blessings on you in your chosen work.

Aren't reports horrible? Isn't it dreadful that we have to ever think in terms of anything so disconcerting, and yet how would we, of your Conference, Jurisdiction and Executive Offices, ever know what you were doing if you didn't report? You are going to hear a great deal this year about reporting.

I have tried to be patient, and bear with you—you who do not feel the need for reporting—but this year I am not going to miss an opportunity of telling you about the importance of reporting. I wish there was some way I could show you, or give you the overall picture as it comes to my desk. It would take a magician to pull from the proverbial hat some of the things I need. I am insisting that you are doing the work, but you are not reporting it. When your District Secretary sees the recapitulations of my reports she will know that it is necessary to have each unit's report in order to get the complete picture. Won't you please, here and now, resolve that as newly elected officers you will endeavor with God's help and grace to fill each and every blank in your report books each quarter? Then at the end of the year when you, as a local unit, get ready to compile your report you will have something tangible to work with and from. Remember all **action is local**.

We have asked that you change your dates of reporting from the date that appears in your report books to the following:

First Quarter ..... July 16th  
Second Quarter ..... October 16th  
Third Quarter ..... January 16th  
Fourth Quarter ..... April 26th

If you would make the practice of having your executive meeting just prior to these dates, and ask both your treasurer and Secretary of Promotion to close their books, then we would not have so many varied and disconnected totals.

We have made some wonderful strides this year. We met our quota on district cultivation as a whole. Remember we are still giving 25 cents per member, and this should be paid during the first quarter. Our Alcohol Education Fund was better than for the past year, with a per capita giving of 21 cents, again let me remind you that this is based on 25 cents per capita, and even though you can pay it any time during the year, we recommend that it, too, be paid during your first quarter.

We are keeping the same two Special Interests for Supply Giving: Louisiana Rural Work (Home) and Health and Nursing Program, Vicarabad, India (Foreign). If you wish to do additional Supply Giving check with your local WSCS Chairman of Supply, or write one of our Special Interests for a particular need.

Let me call to your attention the fact that the Marion Lela Norris Scholarship is no longer a Supplementary giving, but has been added to our Special Interests, and should be budgeted in your Pledge to Missions. Again, I wish to refer you to the June issue of *The Methodist Woman*.

How many of you are planning to attend the Conference School of Missions at Centenary? Hope we will have good representation from each district. If you aren't planning to attend this year start now to plan your vacation time so you can attend next year, and be sure to budget delegate expenses when you make your budget. You will have a "mountain-top" experience.

## MONROE DISTRICT GUILDS HOLD ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Monroe District Wesleyan Service Guild held its eleventh annual meeting at First Methodist Church, Monroe, Louisiana, on Sunday, April 24, 1955. The day began with registration in the Church Parlor at 9:30 a.m. At this time, tea, coffee, and doughnuts were served by the hostess Guild.

Attending the morning worship service, the Guild members were recognized as guests by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Pomeroy. Following the service, dinner was served in the Fellowship Hall. Tables featured interesting center pieces of clothes pin dolls dressed in pages from the *Methodist Woman* and place mats made from the bright colorful covers of the *World Outlook*.

Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Guild Secretary, gave the invocation. Mrs. E. N. Jackson, local President of the WSCS, extended a cordial welcome to which a response was given by Dorothy Moss, a member of the Mer Rouge Guild. Agnes Miller, President of the Hostess Guild, made the introductions, and members of Memorial Church Guild presented a style show. A member modeled the costume that a well dressed *METHODIST WOMAN* should wear to have the *WORLD OUTLOOK*. Her dress, bonnet, and gloves were all created from *LITERATURE HEADQUARTERS READING MATERIAL*. Her swinging bag—to the delight of those present—was designed from the *WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD HANDBOOK*.

Reports were given by Guild Presidents and a count of those attending showed seventy-two, registered for the day.

The afternoon session began at 1:30. One of its highlights was the reading of the minutes of the very first meeting that the Monroe District held. The minutes were dated July 15, 1945, and they revealed that the meeting was held at First Church, Monroe.

Plans made by the group were for an officer training day to be held on May 29, for a seminar to be held this fall, and for a Week End Retreat to be held in the spring.

An invitation to hold the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the District at Bastrop in 1956 was accepted by the group.

## DISTRICT MEETING AND COACHING CONFERENCE HELD BY SHREVEPORT GUILDS

"For the Living of These Days" was selected by the Shreveport District as the theme for the annual meeting held April 24 at Mansfield, Louisiana. The meeting began at 2:30 p.m. with registration and a fellowship period, the Mansfield Guild members serving as hostesses. At three o'clock, the group was led in a period of meditation by Mrs. A. P. Raley, after which Miss Arline Tyler conducted the business session. Mrs. Ila Volentine reported to the Group on the Wesleyan Service Guild Annual Meeting held in Lake Charles in March.

The address of the afternoon was given by Mrs. Robley W. Davis, Louisiana Conference Secretary of Missionary Education of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Davis spoke to the group on the Jurisdiction Convocation and its impact upon members of the local church.

The Shreveport District Guilds held their executive committee meeting and officer training session at Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport on Friday, June 3, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Miss Arline Tyler, District Secretary, reports that both annual meeting and coaching conference were well attended.

I must bring this to a close because Lillian just might toss my column in her waste basket, if it is too long.

God bless you as you plan with your committees your year's work. I shall be looking for you at Camp Brewer, until then, I am

Lovingly,

Minza Rabun,

Your Conference Secretary



## RAYNE GUILD MAKES ANNUAL VISIT TO DULAC

Mrs. Willie Ray Jones tells of an interesting trip that members of Rayne Guild, New Orleans, made to Dulac. She writes, "On April 3, our Guild took four cars and a truck load of things and went to McDonnell Center at Houma and to Dulac. We had clothing, medicines, baby foods, various household articles, and a radio record player for Mr. and Mrs. Brunson to use in their work at the Indian Mission. We unloaded the things, took pictures, had a nice picnic lunch, and enjoyed a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Brunson and with Brother and Mrs. Squires and their family. After attending the three o'clock church service, we returned home. We had such a good time!"

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT HOLDS COACHING CONFERENCE

Mrs. Lena S. Sweeney, District Secretary of Lake Charles, reports a most successful coaching conference which was held at University Methodist Church June 5, 1955. Mrs. Earl Emmerich gave the meditation, and the Rev. Emmerich welcomed the group to University Methodist Church. The following were the lines of work emphasized and the discussion leaders: Promotion Secretaries, Miss Helen Adams; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Julia Reid Paxton; Supply Work, Mrs. Frank Firmature; Treasurers, Miss Ella Trousdale; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Robert Compton; Missionary Education, Miss Grace Lawson; Program, Mrs. Helen Cooke; and Presidents, Mrs. Bessie Gibson. Guests at the meeting included Mrs. Robert Crichlow of Jennings, Mrs. Robert Compton, District WSCS President, Raymond Church, Mrs. E. C. Kuttner and Mrs. Fannie Sweeney of Lake Charles.

After the coaching period, the group met in the Parish Hall of the church and were served refreshments by the University Methodist Guild. Presiding at the punch bowl was Mrs. Lena Sweeney assisted by Miss Edna Gorden.

## RUSTON DISTRICT REPORTS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

Both our Conference Secretary, Minza Rabun, and the Ruston District Secretary, Sue Batton, agree that the Ruston District has had a great year. Proof of this fact is found in the following accomplishments.

Quarterly district meetings are held at which inspiring and helpful programs are presented. One of the most memorable of these was held at Farmerville with the District Chairman of Spiritual Life, Sue Hefley, and all Spiritual Life Chairmen of local Guilds in charge of the program.

The Ruston District is fully organized. All committee chairmen were elected in October, 1954, and will serve for two years.

Each local Guild has shown great interest and increased membership. One new Guild has been organized at Lakeview Methodist Church, Minden, Louisiana.

Reporting for the fourth quarter was 100% and all pledges to missions over-paid.

All Guilds in the district held study courses during 1954-1955, and most of them received Jurisdiction Recognition for their work.

The Coaching Conference for Ruston District was held the third Sunday in June.

This is indeed a splendid report. Congratulations to Ruston District!

## GUILD HONORS NEW MEMBERS

The Opelousas Wesleyan Service Guild honored new members at a dinner meeting on Thursday, June 2, in the Educational Building of the Church. Every member—yes, 100%—was present for this special occasion. Honored also at the meeting were the members of the winning team in the Guild's recent membership campaign. Mrs. Hazel Golsen, president, reports a splendid attendance record for the Opelousas Guild during past months.

## MRS. OCTAVIA SMITH HONORED BY SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Among the pioneers of Wesleyan Service Guild work in Shreveport District is Mrs. Octavia Smith. Octavia served as the first District Secretary and through her efforts, the foundation of guild work in the District was laid. Her efforts for and interest in the Guild did not cease with the expiration of her term of office, but she has continued to be active in her local Unit, the District, and the Conference. She has been instrumental in organizing other Guild Units in her local church, Mangum Memorial, Shreveport. Not only has she given of her best, but she has brought out the best in others and put it into action for the Wesleyan Service Guild.

In recognition of this service and in appreciation of the qualities exemplified in her living, the Shreveport District presented her with an Honorary Life Membership in the Wesleyan Service Guild. The presentation was made by one who has worked closely with her throughout these years, Mrs. Dollie Brown.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ORGANIZES NEW UNITS

Miss Margaret McGowan, Secretary of the New Orleans District, has announced that within recent months three new Guilds have been organized in the New Orleans District, one at Slidell, one at John Wesley Methodist, and another at the Church of the Redeemer. Members of these new guilds attended their first district meeting on May 25 at the Methodist Home Hospital. It was at this meeting that Miss McGowan was re-elected District Secretary and Miss Edith Sigbornsen was chosen associate Secretary. Other district officers elected at the meeting were Mrs. Katherine Mullet, Spiritual Life Chairman; Mrs. Katie Cook, Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities; Miss Hazel Lewis, Chairman of Missionary Education; and Mrs. Willie Ray Jones, Secretary-Treasurer and Reporter.

The New Orleans District is now fully organized and its Guilds are looking forward to a great future in working "that the Kingdom of God may be realized."

## SAVE YOUR COPIES OF GUILD TIMES

You will notice that with this issue we are beginning the practice of punching GUILD TIMES to fit a 3-ring cover. This is intended to help you to keep your copies together in a note book. It will then be much easier to find that elusive bit of information which, strange to say, has found its way into print only in GUILD TIMES. Look up your back copies—there have been six issues prior to this one—and punch them to fit the same cover. Review them from time to time. We believe you will find it interesting and profitable.

## MANGUM MEMORIAL I HONORS OFFICERS

Members of Unit I, Wesleyan Service Guild, Mangum Memorial Church, held a supper meeting May 23 honoring the officers of the past year and those assuming office for 1955-1956. Mrs. Bettie Hill, outgoing president, expressed her thanks to each member for making 1954-1955 such a successful year for Unit I.

Special projects such as bazaar and calendar sales helped the unit financially. Participation in two study courses, assistance to Elizabeth Thompson in filing materials for rural work, donations to the primary, junior, and intermediate departments, to a District Honorary Life Membership and other worthy causes were major achievements. The special highlight of the year was the presentation of four Life Memberships and the total gain of four new members.

Mrs. Hill presented the gavel to Mrs. Geraldine McDonald, president for the new year. Mrs. McDonald introduced the officers and committee chairmen who will serve the Guild during 1955-1956.





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## DEDICATION

To the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service with whom we share the challenge of world missions "that the Kingdom of God may be realized" and with whom we enjoy the blessedness of Christian fellowship, we, the members of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, dedicate this Fifteenth Anniversary Edition of GUILD TIMES.



## FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY GREETING

The real values of commemorating the Fifteenth Anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild in the Louisiana Conference lie not in rejoicing over the achievements of the past, alone, but in making plans for greater accomplishments in the future. The values can be sustained as the members of the Societies and Guilds increase their concern for extending the kingdom through study, prayer, giving, and service.

In twenty-nine countries our Methodist women participate in an effective world witness. Their influence extends even more widely. Tragically, we have not yet done what we should! New areas need to be developed; additional workers are needed in all fields. The resources of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild must be shared more generously with the people of the world if we are to make the next years count as they should.

Your record for the past fifteen years has been glorious; the future holds even greater opportunities. As you enter the next years, with gratitude for the past, you will know that "hope is greater than history" and will build your program on a hope that is based on the faith which is yours in Christ Jesus.

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, President  
Woman's Division of Christian Service

## OUR FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

By RUTH GUTHRIE

There is something special about birthdays and anniversaries. They make us have such tender feelings, tinged with sadness perhaps, but more often filled with joy and pride.

This year we mark with true happiness the fifteenth anniversary of the greatest woman's organization in history—The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Do I hear some of you saying, "Why should a fifteenth anniversary be so important? Women have been doing church work much longer than that!" Of course, you are right about women's work in the church. They have been identified with service to God's kingdom since the dawn of church history. Nevertheless, this fifteenth anniversary is most important. It recalls the union of the three churches—The Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Protestant Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South—and the founding of the great Methodist Church "united in one Faith, seeking one common goal."

With unification in 1940 came the joining together of

Methodist women to promote foreign and home missionary efforts at which they had worked separately in the three churches. Truly "in union there is strength," and the past fifteen years have been glorious proof of this fact. Read the September, 1955 issue of *The Methodist Woman*. It gives many reasons why we are filled with joy and thanksgiving as we celebrate our fifteenth birthday.

On this anniversary, we of the Wesleyan Service Guild may well look back to our beginnings. In the early 1920's—long before the churches were united—a young woman who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church realized the need for an organization for employed women and girls who could not participate in the program of the Missionary Societies. This young woman was Marion Lela Norris. Being a minister's daughter, she was well acquainted with missionary work and had planned to become a missionary. After she completed college, however, another call came, and she felt that she must put her dream aside to do another task. She felt that something must be

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## WHEN IS A NEW MEMBER?

Yes, you've read the headline correctly, when is a new member? Even though the grammar is not choice, yet the question is worth considering. Too often we in the Guild are so casual about new members that we do not establish definitely and finally when a person becomes an official member of our group, and questions like "Has Gilda joined yet?" "Is Gilda a member?" are asked by president, secretary, treasurer, membership chairman, promotion secretary of each other. Heads are shaken and a hesitant "Well, I really don't know" is heard on all sides. Even Gilda is doubtful. "I wonder if I'm a member yet," she muses. And sometimes her uncertainty causes her to stay away; then she becomes lost to Guild work, and the Guild program is hurt.

What should be done to avoid this dilemma? Of course, there's no fixed practice which has been handed down to be followed slavishly. Indeed this is an opportunity for each Guild to plan its own procedure, but this should be definite and followed carefully.

Here are some suggestions which came out of the discussion group for presidents and vice-presidents at Guild Week End last summer.

When a person attends Guild meeting for the first time a warm welcome will await her. A carefully planned and presented program will cause her to want to return for the next meeting. It is generally agreed that the visitor should not be pressed for an answer concerning her intentions about joining at this time. However, a cordial invitation will be extended, and it will be made clear that qualifications for membership are identical with those for church membership—her presence, her prayers, her gifts, and her service. It will be well to present the prospective member with the leaflet "The Wesleyan Service Guild" so she can have the basic information about the organization and be challenged to become a part in its program, **The World To Serve**. The next time she comes, the invitation will be given again and if possible an answer secured. If she still does not commit herself, the invitation to join the Guild will be given at every possible opportunity. When a person agrees to join, her name and the date will be entered in the official record in her presence. At a stated time, perhaps once a quarter, the Guild will have the service for the reception of new members as given in the Wesleyan Service Guild Handbook\* and in the new Record Book.\* Each one joining will be given a membership card.\* This will be planned as a special occasion and surrounded with a sacred atmosphere of commitment and dedication. It will be a time for re-dedication of all members and for pledging anew loyalty to God's work in the Kingdom.

"Let all things be done . . . in order." (I Corinthians 14:40)

\* Available at Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. See catalog for prices.

## CARROLLTON GUILD CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

The Carrollton Guild, New Orleans, held their fifteenth anniversary celebration on September 6. Looking over their "Charter Membership Book," the Guild found that eight of the charter members are still on the roll.

## MISSIONARIES NEEDED! AN URGENT CALL!

Miss Margaret Billingsley, Executive Secretary for Japan, Korea, and the Philippines, has sent an urgent call to Louisiana Guilds to consider the great need for missionaries to serve around the world. You who read this may be one who should answer the call, or you may know of someone to whom you can present the challenge.

"As Christian people in our big Methodist Church, we are called upon to do much more than we have been doing along the line of sharing ourselves and our personnel with the minority Christian groups in other countries," writes Miss Billingsley. "The Guilders are experienced people who could contribute a great deal toward missionary work. In Japan we are in desperate need of teachers in our schools. We have lost several missionaries through marriage and one or two through illness this year and then so many of our short-termers have completed their tour of service, so we are exceedingly short. Since the war, we have not been up to full strength and this decrease that has come this year makes us even more conscious of our opportunities and responsibilities."

Miss Billingsley outlines the requirements and possibilities as follows:

**A full time commitment to Jesus Christ and His way of life with a desire to share this experience with others.**

**Full time Christian service** for those who meet the requirements of health, education, and commitment who will go to the field, learn the language and culture of the people, and become a part of the total missionary program.

**Short-termers:** Experienced people are greatly needed for this work. We are also happy to have young people just out of college, but among the Guilders there are probably many experienced people who could give three years of wonderful service in teaching English as a foreign language. We find that primary school teachers as well as high school and college teachers can make a great contribution in this way. You know that one is limited in the type of thing that can be done because of lack of knowing either the Japanese or Korean language, but working with students teaching them English as a language is a wonderful opportunity. When a person goes for a three-year period the Board of Missions cares for their travel and gives them a regular missionary salary with housing.

**Sabbatical leave:** For those experienced people who can go for a year or two, paying their own travel, the Board of Missions will supply housing and living expenses. We have had several women who have taken this opportunity of serving and at the same time getting to know the people of another country. If you know of someone who would like to go under this arrangement, we would be so happy as we are in desperate need for someone to go to Hiroshima this year. One of our missionaries there has recently come home due to sudden illness. Music teachers and home economics teachers can also be of great help even for one year.

Those people who can qualify for **Smith-Mundt's bill** or one of the other government bills which make it possible for teachers to serve overseas may wish to investigate this possibility. At present we have a Guilder from Kansas under the Smith-Mundt bill, teaching home economics at Ewha University in Korea. We would like to have others go if there are people who qualify from a Christian point of view and who will meet the requirements of our government.

Miss Billingsley will be glad to send further information. Her address is 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

Those considering full time Christian service should write to Miss Marguerite Twinem, Personnel Secretary, at the same address.

## KENTWOOD GUILD ACHIEVES RECORD ATTENDANCE

Kentwood Guild reports a splendid attendance record. All thirteen members of the group are faithful in coming to meetings. Recently the group enjoyed a fellowship meeting and pot-luck supper.



## NEW BATON ROUGE DISTRICT SECRETARY BEGINS WORK

Elected at the annual district meeting held in Hammond in May, Miss Mary Lucile Napier of Kentwood, is the new Secretary of the Baton Rouge District. An active member of her church, Mary Lucile teaches a young people's Sunday School class and directs the Youth Choir at Kentwood Methodist Church. In her local Guild, she serves as recording secretary.



This summer, Mary Lucile received her Master's Degree in Elementary Education at Mississippi Southern at Hattiesburg. "I teach in my home town where I have lived all my life," she writes. At college, Mary Lucile became a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an honor society in education.

Sewing and re-finishing furniture are Mary Lucile's hobbies; she especially enjoys designing and making hats.

Having just completed her first quarter's work, the new district secretary writes enthusiastically about the splendid cooperation she has had from every Guild in the district. Promotion Secretaries were 100% in their reporting for the first quarter.

## STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED

The Woman's Division of Christian Service has given Jurisdiction Recognition to the Noel Memorial Wesleyan Service Guild, Shreveport, for three study courses conducted during 1954-1955. These studies included "The City," "The Master Callesth for Thee," and "India, Pakistan, and Ceylon."

Again the Noel Memorial Guild began working for JR Credit when the first study group met on Tuesday, September 13th. This course, "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World" was taught by the Rev. Lawrence Gilbert, Associate Minister of the church.

This is a splendid record! The year 1955-1956 is just beginning. A challenge comes to every Guild—STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED.

## A LETTER FROM EMMA KUNTZ

Dear Chairmen of CSR and LCA,

Now that the summer season is over, and we are going into fall, let us pledge ourselves anew to our tasks in the local Guilds. Let us each one "seek to make real and effective the teachings of Jesus as applied to individual, group, racial, and world relationships."

Mrs. Goldthwaite's letter was especially good this past quarter. Be sure to bring it before your Guilds. Why not, some of you public school and Sunday School teachers, use the Trick or Treat idea for UNICEF?

Let's do some adventuring this year, trying out some new ideas, something that we've never done before in our Guilds.

There are many opportunities for service ahead of us, let's take advantage of them.

Emma Kuntz, WSG Conference Secretary  
Christian Social Relations and Local  
Church Activities

## MONROE DISTRICT SEMINAR PLANNED

The Monroe District Seminar will be held at First Methodist Church, Bastrop, on Sunday, October 2, at 1:45 p.m. Mrs. Agnes Miller, District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, will be in charge of the program.

## RUSTON GUILD REPORTS PROGRESS

The Ruston District Guilds will hold their coaching conference in Ruston on October 9th. A big year is in progress in the District; most local Guilds have increased their pledge to missions, and they have achieved 100% reporting for the first quarter.

Mrs. Wideman Watson of Homer has been chosen to serve on the District Guild Committee to replace Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy who has moved from the District.

Miss Sue Batton, Ruston District Secretary, writes: "Our Guilds are growing in many ways!"

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT PLANS SPECIAL MEETING

The Wesleyan Service Guild Executive Committee of the New Orleans District is planning to hold a meeting with Miss Sheila Nuttall at Slidell in the near future. Miss Nuttall is the new Rural Worker for South Louisiana. The Committee includes all local Guild presidents, and Miss Margaret McGowan, district secretary, is looking forward to having a record attendance from Covington and Slidell, as well as from New Orleans. Guild presidents are asked to watch for more details of this meeting.

## FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY IS OBSERVED AT BASTROP

The Bastrop Wesleyan Service Guild observed the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Guild with a fellowship supper on Monday, September 19th. A special emphasis of the meeting was the enlistment of new members for the Guild.

Mrs. Frances Haddox gave the meditation, Mrs. Ruth Guthrie related the history of the guild, and Miss Gene Russell told about the work of the Guild today.

## Our Fifteenth Anniversary—

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done to help the employed woman find her rightful place in the church so that she, too, might know the privilege and satisfaction of contributing to the building of God's kingdom. Instead of going to a foreign field, Marion Lela went to work behind the counter of a five and ten cent store. Here she had the opportunity to talk with working girls. She spent her lunch hours with girls and women from shops and factories and soon learned that they were eager for a place of service in the church's program. She discussed her findings with church officials, and they in turn sent out questionnaires to churches and to women's groups. Replies indicated that plans should be made for an organization for employed women, and on May 7, 1921, the first Guild luncheon was held and several women became charter members of the Wesleyan Service Guild. The first Guild conference was held in Chicago in 1924 with over one hundred persons present. Thus when unification came, the two organizations—the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild—became one in purpose under the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

In 1940, Marion Lela Norris was elected Secretary of the Guild and served in this office until her retirement in 1952. After she retired, she toured some of the mission fields. While in Japan she visited one of the Guild "Special Interests" Ai Kei Gakuen Social Center in Tokyo where one of our missionaries, Mildred Anne Paine, is stationed. Miss Norris became so interested in the work there that she decided to remain and is now teaching in Kwassui Junior College. She says, "Surely to goodness, my cup runneth over, for my dream and ambition in life has been more than fulfilled!" She not only found a place in the church program for employed women but she is now engaged in Christian work on a foreign field.

On this fifteenth anniversary, we salute our founder, Miss Marion Lela Norris, and join our sisters of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in thanksgiving to God for the blessed opportunity of working together in service to His Kingdom.

But even as we pause to rejoice, we hear the Master's call, His challenge, "Press on; the fields are white; the work has just begun."



## NINTH ANNUAL GUILD WEEK-END— A SUCCESS

A mosaic of memories was theirs as Wesleyan Service Guild members from all over the State left Camp Brewer at the conclusion of the Ninth Annual Guild Week-End this summer: the delight of greeting old friends and making new ones, the challenge of trying something new in craft classes, the stimulation of discussions in small groups, the insights and understanding gained in better ways of working, the wonderful comradeship in the cabins, the plain goodness of early morning coffee, the fun in the dining hall, the satisfaction in well-prepared meals, the thrill of invigorating swims, the restfulness in the quiet beauty of the camp grounds, and the awareness of a renewed spirit that comes from a closer walk with God. All these made up the bright and beautiful pattern.

Perhaps some experiences will stand out more than others. All will long remember the hushed and sacred morning watch service where Margaret Burt gave the reverent interpretation of the Shepherd's Psalm. We will smile as we recall the clever skit on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities presented so well by Emma Kuntz and her accomplished assistants, Grace Reidenauer, Lillian Gaines, and Claire Shumaker, which was so amusing yet so filled with helpful information. We will recapture the exultation of glimpsing the onward march of the Kingdom of God during the Missionary Hour when our speakers were our own Elizabeth Thompson, Louisiana Rural Worker, the youthful but competent Charlie Hampton, missionary to Japan, and Avril Jordan, Indian student who plans to serve at Isabella Thoburn College in her own country.

Those who enjoy statistics will be interested in the registration figures reported by Louise Roberts: Alexandria District, 20; Baton Rouge District, 19; Lafayette District, 14; Lake Charles District, 16; Monroe District, 17; New Orleans District, 22; Ruston District, 3; and Shreveport District, 25. Total, 136.

Yes, our Ninth Annual Guild Week End was a great success. We're already looking forward to being together again next year.

## A MESSAGE TO LOCAL CHAIRMAN OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

A recent letter from our Jurisdiction Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, Miss Ruth Preston, calls our attention to the fact that although we have no regular report blanks for our line of work, we nevertheless have three definite responsibilities when it comes to reporting.

1. The Chairman of Missionary Education (or the teacher of the study class) must fill out the Jurisdiction Recognition or Efficiency blank immediately after the close of a credit study class and send it to the Conference or District Secretary of Missionary Education of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Jurisdiction Recognition reports go to Mrs. Robley Davis, Gilliam, Louisiana.

Efficiency reports go to the District Secretary of Missionary Education (see 15th Annual Report, Conference Minutes).

2. The Chairman of Missionary Education **MUST** see that a report of all Missionary Education and Service activities is included in the report sent in quarterly by the local Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary of Promotion. Otherwise your district and conference Guild officers do not get the complete picture of your work which they need for evaluation.

3. The Chairman of Missionary Education **MUST** also see that the report of Wesleyan Service Guild Missionary Education activities is included in the quarterly report of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service Secretary of Missionary Education. Otherwise the work of **YOUR GUILD** will not be counted officially.

Grace Lawson, WSG Conference Secretary  
Missionary Education and Service

## MRS. ROBERTS ELECTED SECRETARY OF ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Mrs. E. E. (Louise) Roberts was elected Alexandria District Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild to succeed Mrs. Neva Rye whose term had expired. A member of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louise is a Welfare Visitor for the Rapides Parish Department of Public Welfare. She formerly worked as bookkeeper for the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company of Alexandria for twelve years. She has one son, Edward, Jr., who is entering Louisiana State University this fall. Her husband works for the Department of Highways.



Louise served as registrar for Guild Week End this summer, and was a member of the program committee for this meeting at Camp Brewer. Her address is 2450 Alma Street, Alexandria, Louisiana.

## THIRD ANNUAL GUILD WEEK-END HELD BY SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Shreveport District Guilds met at Camp Caney on September 24 and 25 for their third annual Guild Week End. Miss Arline Tyler, District Secretary, presided.

Of special interest were the workshops which had as their theme "Achieving Brotherhood." Mrs. Mary Guidry, president of the Morningside Guild was chairman and Mrs. W. C. McDonald, WSCS District Secretary of Promotion, was leader of the group which discussed achieving brotherhood through wider service of women within the church. Mrs. Robley W. Davis, WSCS Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, conducted the workshop on achieving brotherhood through creative study.

At the evening session, Mrs. Minza Rabun told of her experience this summer as a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild party which toured mission projects in Mexico.

During the Sunday morning session, the three special studies for 1955-1956 were presented by Mrs. Juanita Oliver, Miss Arline Tyler, and Mrs. Ruby Phillips. Presiding at this session was Mrs. Ila Volentine.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, Louisiana Conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service spoke to the group on "Our World Wide Brotherhood" at the eleven o'clock worship hour Sunday.

The meditation at the opening session was given by Mrs. Thressa Atkins, and Mrs. H. Rayburn presented information on literature and publications.

The program for the Week End, planned and carried out by the local Guild units of the District, emphasized the general theme, "Crown Thy Good With Brotherhood."

### REMEMBER

Promotion Secretaries' Reports

Due October 16



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Greetings to our sisters in the Woman's Society of Christian Service on their fifteenth anniversary!

Summer vacations are over, and I hope you have had as nice a one as I. The Trip to Mexico was far beyond my wildest dreams. It was as though "A Magic Carpet" had been spread before us; everything was so perfect. How I did wish for each of you! Fannie Burch and I were travelling companions, and Sarah Gaunt and Kelma Berry. I was delighted that Louisiana had four persons to go on the Tour. Fannie made the pictures, and I am to supply the notes. I know you will be anxiously awaiting both reports.

Reports for the first quarter have come in and the results sent to the jurisdiction and division offices. These were the very best "first quarter reports" we have ever had, and I might say almost the best reports of any other quarter. We only had three units that did not report—excusing those two or three that do not meet in the summer. I know we will have 100% reporting next quarter.

I have so many wonderful things to share with you. First—we, of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild have been asked to give \$100.00 for the Foreign Supply Special Interest, and \$200.00 for the Home Supply Special Interest. For the first quarter we sent to The Health and Nursing Program at Vicarabad in India, \$205.21, and to The Louisiana Rural Work \$270.72. Isn't that wonderful! You will, however, remember that our love offering at Guild Week End went to our two Special Interests for Supply. I am proud of you and the way you are supporting our supplies. Let's not stop now, but keep on sending in your supply money. Let's try to do something for our ten Special Interests on appropriations, or Pledge to Missions. If you want to do something more for supplies—like packing a box or sending a special offering to some of the schools or institutions call your WSCS Chairman of Supply and get a list from her. They send their supplies by districts, and I feel that you would like to be a part of some of their projects.

There are several things that I want to remind you of. You are not doing very much with your Magazine and Picture Fund. It has long been the custom of the Guilds in our conference, to send \$2.00 per year to this worthwhile foreign supply. I call it that because that is where you report it. Look in your Guild Handbook on page 57 about half-way the first paragraph and you will learn just what this is and how it is used.

The other thing is—Where are our members? I ran a comparative check for three years and this is what I found for the first quarter of each:

In 1953 we reported 1703 members.

In 1954 we reported 1715 members.

In 1955 we reported 1637 members.

This is appalling and should make us ashamed. We are still organizing new units, but instead of getting new members we are showing a loss. I realize that some are going into the WSCS by transfer. We want them to. When a member ceases to be employed, we want her to take her place in the Society. She should have a real contribution to make. Let's not allow our inactive lists to be so long. Usually we lose inactive members in the end. Don't you feel that you have something worth sharing with other employed girls you know and probably work with? You have a mission to fill, and you might win a soul to Christ by bringing someone to Guild meetings. Let's do something about employed people who do not belong to any church organization.

Dorothy Dunbar's article, written for Guild Observance last January, will appear in the December issue of The Methodist Woman. I know you will want to re-read this wonderful article.

Let us be much in prayer for the days ahead. Pray for our President, for the leaders of our United Nations as we approach UN Day, and for our own State of Louisiana with the approaching elections so near at hand.

## MARTHA COLDWELL ASSIGNED TO WORK IN TENNESSEE

Mrs. Harriet E. Russell, president of the West Monroe Guild, sends news of Miss Martha Coldwell which will be of great interest to all Louisiana guild members. Martha has been placed by the Mission Board to serve as kindergarten teacher in the Lucy Holt Moore Community Center in Nashville, Tennessee. She will be staying at the Wesley House which is a related center in which she and other workers at both places have living quarters. Martha's address is 129 Wharf Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

So happy was Martha over her assignment and so eager to begin her work that she could not wait until the opening of school, but began very soon after her arrival visiting in the homes of children she would teach, becoming acquainted with personnel at both centers, and meeting the local Board members.

The Lucy Holt Moore Center is directly under the supervision of the Tennessee Conference, and you can learn more about it from the booklet "DO YOU KNOW? HOME MISSIONS."

Martha Coldwell has a very special place in the hearts of Louisiana Guild members. We remember with joy that her call to service came while she was attending Guild Week End at Camp Brewer in July, 1953. (See GUILD TIMES, October, 1954.) We remember that the Master said, "Let the little children come to me," and our prayers will be with Martha as she works with her young pupils.

## BATON ROUGE GUILD CELEBRATES TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY

On July 30, 1935, a group of employed women of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, met at the home of the president of the Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Gilman McConnell, and organized a circle of the Society. This event was commemorated at the July meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild, for this group became a Guild in 1940.

In recognition of her outstanding service in the organization and promotion of the work, the Guild presented to Mrs. McConnell—a member through all the years—an Emblem Pin. Several charter members present gave glimpses into the past history of the organization. The first president of the group was Miss Fannie Day Booth, now Mrs. T. J. Johnson of Oklahoma City. Remembered, too, as a charter member was the late Mrs. Lizzie Carter McVoy who often taught the Guild Bible study courses.

During its twenty years, the Wesleyan Service Guild has made gains in membership and in its giving to missions. It has provided an opportunity for its members to have a part in helping "the world to serve." But the Guilders agree that through the organization they have received far more than they have given. One member summed it up when she said, "I love the Guild. It has done so much for me."

## WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL

The week of October 25-31 will be a very special one for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, for it is then that we observe the Week of Prayer and Self Denial. Spiritual enrichment which has come as a result of observing this special time can never be measured, but Week of Prayer gifts have been used to build and renovate thirty-five buildings, they have provided equipment for rural workers, and they have helped to increase pensions for retired deaconesses.

Be sure to include the observance of the Week of Prayer and Self Denial in your plans for October. Order materials right away—October 10th is the deadline. See the list on the back of current issues of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

We must be about our Father's business. Helping to promote good clean politics is certainly one of the best ways to witness for Christ that His Kingdom might be realized here on earth. God bless you,

Lovingly,  
Minza Rabun,  
Your conference secretary.



## GUILD MONTH TO BE OBSERVED IN JANUARY

According to a communication from Miss Lillian Johnson, Executive Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, New York, promotional material for Guild Month used by Louisiana Conference Guilds will be included in the December issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. The article prepared by Miss Dorothy Dunbar of Opelousas will give suggestions for promoting Guild Month. Many of the Guilds in our Conference used this material and reported outstanding meetings they held last January.

You are again urged to follow the suggestions and plan again for interesting meetings this coming January—GUILD MONTH—which is observed annually throughout the nation. Your GUILD TIMES editor will appreciate receiving a report of any special meeting or observance you may have in January.

## HAVE YOU NOT READ?

In the July-August, 1955 issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, we are told that eight times in the Gospels Jesus asked, "Have you not read?" Millions of people must answer, "I cannot read," and because of this one of the aims of our world wide missionary program is to teach people to read. But Guild members can read. Suppose this question were directed to you and the one who asked went on to add "... THE METHODIST WOMAN?"

"Have you not read" in the July-August issue "The Second Mile, a True Story of Ai Kei Gakuen," "A Trio of Girls in the Lena Knapp Home," "A Visit to Mother's Memorial Center," "Vision and Vitamins," and "Women Are People"?

"Have you not read" in the September issue "Earning Our Heritage," "Fifteen Wonderful Years," "A Quadrennial Issue—Clergy Rights for Women," and "We Send It On—1921-1940-1955"?

These are just a few of the articles that you'd enjoy; indeed from cover to cover you'll find interesting reading.

One Guild used the clever skit "Vision and Vitamins" in a recent program, and reported that it was most effective.

You'll find that reading THE METHODIST WOMAN will really pay dividends, a wealth of program materials will be discovered and there'll be one more better informed Methodist woman.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT PLANS ZONE MEETINGS

Lake Charles District will hold a series of zone meetings to provide for officer training and to take care of necessary items of business concerning the District. Three meetings are planned: one at Sulphur to include Guilds in Lake Charles, Benton, DeQuincy, and Sulphur; a second meeting at Jennings for Guilds at Lake Arthur, Welsh, Gueydan, and Jennings; and a meeting for Guilds at DeRidder and Leesville will be held at DeRidder. Mrs. Lena Sweeney, District Secretary, asks the cooperation of all Guild officers and members in making these zone meetings memorable ones in attendance and commitment to Guild purposes.

## LAKE CHARLES GUILD REORGANIZES AS TWO UNITS

Believing that a division of their large group would mean more rapid growth, the Guild of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, reorganized as the Julia Reid Unit and the Dorothy Dunbar Unit. In June, the two groups met for a joint installation and pledge service with the Rev. Fred Shirley leading in the installation ritual.

Officers for the year 1955-1956 are as follows:

Julia Reid Unit: Miss Delia Gaunt, president; Miss Marie Purvis, vice-president; Mrs. J. L. Farque, secretary; Miss Ella Trousdale, treasurer; and Miss Sara Gaunt, promotion secretary.

Dorothy Dunbar Unit: Mrs. R. C. Spalding, Jr., president; Mrs. C. R. Byrd, vice-president; Mrs. W. B. Baucum, secretary; Mrs. Edwin Richardson, treasurer; and Miss Helen Adams, promotion secretary.

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES OF LINES OF WORK

### Spiritual Life

Conference Secretary: Miss Helen Adams, P. O. Box 839, Lake Charles

District Secretaries:

Alexandria: Mrs. Neva Rye, 712 Twenty-first Street, Alexandria

Baton Rouge: Miss Fannie Burch, Box 713, Amite

Lafayette: (To be elected)

Lake Charles: (To be elected)

New Orleans: Mrs. Katherine Muelet, 6507 Vicksburg St., New Orleans

Monroe: Mrs. J. B. Thompson, Rayville

Ruston: Miss Sue Hefley, Minden

Shreveport: Mrs. M. W. Atkins, 2428 Meriwether Road, Shreveport

### Missionary Education

Conference Secretary:

Miss Grace Lawson, Box 241, Welsh

District Secretaries:

Alexandria: Miss Louise Jones, 104 Ware Street, Pineville

Baton Rouge: Mrs. Marjorie Longsdorf, 1743 Stanford Avenue, Baton Rouge

Lafayette: Mrs. Frances Hollier, 318 Park Avenue, Abbeville

Lake Charles: (To be elected)

New Orleans: Miss Hazel Lewis, 4021 North Robertson, New Orleans

Monroe: Mrs. Agnes Miller, 202 Orange Street, Monroe

Ruston: Miss Mabel Camp, Haynesville

Shreveport: Mrs. Rudy Volentine, 3129 Flournoy-Lucas Road, Shreveport

### Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities

Conference Secretary:

Miss Emma Kuntz, 410 Fern Street, New Orleans

District Secretaries:

Alexandria: Mrs. Ruth Cowell, 714 Main Street, Pineville

Baton Rouge: Mrs. Sybil Y. Farr, 260 Maximillian, Baton Rouge

Lafayette: Mrs. Hazel Golson, 2070 Edwards Street, Opelousas

Lake Charles: (To be elected)

New Orleans: Mrs. Katie Cook, 1805 Adams Street, New Orleans

Monroe: Miss Roxie Killian, P. O. Box 4, Winnsboro

Ruston: Miss Vera Winfree, Ruston

Shreveport: Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, 410 Hope Street, Mansfield

## MRS. COLEMAN LINDSEY HONORED WITH LIFE MEMBERSHIP

In appreciation for her valuable service in the organization of the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church, Minden, the Guild presented Mrs. Coleman Lindsey with a life membership in an appropriate ceremony at her home in Baton Rouge this summer.

For more than ten years, work with the Guild was indeed a labor of love for Mrs. Lindsey, and during the time she lived in Minden the group often met in her home.

Mrs. Lindsey now lives at 1140 Stanford Avenue, Baton Rouge.

## RAYNE MEMORIAL GUILD REPORTS ACTIVITIES

Rayne Memorial Guild has chosen as a special project the collecting of books for the St. Bernard Methodist Church library.

At a recent meeting of the Guild, Miss Ruth Martin, missionary from Korea, described Methodist work and showed slides of Christian activities in that country. She stressed the great need for people of America to aid this stricken land.

Looking enthusiastically into the fall months, the Rayne Guild is planning to have the study course, "The American Indian," in October.





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## FIFTH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING TO BE HELD IN SHREVEPORT

The Fifth Annual Spring Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild will be held in Shreveport on Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4, 1956. Conference Headquarters will be the Captain Shreve Hotel, 408 Market Street, and some of the sessions will be held here. Other meetings will be at First Methodist Church.



First Methodist Church—Shreveport, La.

The committee on local arrangements selected the Captain Shreve Hotel as Conference Headquarters because of its location in the heart of downtown Shreveport and just four blocks away from First Methodist Church. It was also chosen for its accommodations and because it will be headquarters for the South Central Jurisdiction and Louisiana Conference WSCS meetings which precede the Guild meeting.

Registration forms are being mailed to all Guild Presidents, and members are urged to make reservations on or before February 15. Mrs. C. A. Farrar is in charge of reservations. Her address is 2923 Drexel Street, Shreveport.

The theme chosen for the Spring Meeting is "That the World May Know," and the program committee is composed of Miss Sue Batton, Chairman, Mrs. Louise Roberts, and Mrs. Ruth Guthrie.

The meeting will be convened at two o'clock Saturday afternoon in the sanctuary of First Methodist Church. Following the welcome by Dr. D. L. Dykes, pastor, the meditation will be given by Mrs. Ellic Earl Sheppard of Mansfield.

During the business session several Conference officers will be elected. Chairman of Missionary Education and

Service and Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities will be named. Presently serving in these offices are Miss Grace Lawson and Miss Emma Kuntz. A new office is being created, Conference Membership Chairman, and an officer to fill this post will be chosen at the Saturday afternoon session.

The Conference Executive Committee, in its mid-year session in Alexandria, named Mrs. Ruth Guthrie chairman of the nominating committee. Selected to serve with her were Miss Helen Adams and Mrs. Neva Rye. This committee will present its report prior to the election.

Always a sacred occasion, the Communion Service will be held at the beginning of the Saturday evening session. A love offering for Guild missionary projects will be given at this service.

Among the outstanding speakers to be heard at the Spring Meeting are Miss Gertie Stiles of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Mrs. Harold L. Soulen of Hutchinson, Kansas. Mrs. Soulen is vice-president of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service and Miss Stiles is Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary for the Jurisdiction. Our own Conference Secretary, Mrs. Minza Rabun, will preside over the sessions.

The Shreveport District Guilds, of which Miss Arline Tyler is Secretary, will be hostesses at a tea on Saturday afternoon at Business Girls' Inn. This event will not only provide an occasion for fellowship but it will also give Guild members an opportunity to see the work of this institution. Business Girls' Inn is a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Following Sunday morning services at First Methodist Church, the Guilds of Shreveport District will again entertain their guests at lunch in Baird Hall.

Warm invitations to attend the Fifth Annual Spring meeting have been extended by Miss Aileen Hyslop and Miss Bonnie J. Hendrickson, presidents of the two Wesleyan Service Guild units at First Methodist Church, and by other hostess guilds of Shreveport District, and plans are being made to make the sessions inspiring and helpful.



Miss Hendrickson and Miss Hyslop



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## PROGRAM

### FIFTH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT, LA.

Theme: "THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW"

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1956

10:00 A.M. Registration—Lobby, Captain Shreve Hotel  
10:30 A.M. Conference Executive Meeting — Captain Shreve Hotel

12:00 P.M. Conference Executive Committee Luncheon—Captain Shreve Hotel

#### AFTERNOON SESSION—Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

2:00 P.M. Organ Prelude  
Convening of Fifth Annual Meeting of Wesleyan Service Guild—Mrs. Minza Rabun, presiding  
Welcome — Dr. D. L. Dykes, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Shreveport  
Hymn—"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"  
Worship—Mrs. Ellie Earl Sheppard, Shreveport District  
Order of Business:  
Committee Appointments  
Report of Recording Secretary  
Introductions and Announcements  
Guild Hymn  
Report of Conference Secretary—Mrs. Minza Rabun  
Election  
Special Music  
Address—Miss Gertie Stiles, Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild, South Central Jurisdiction  
Benediction—Miss Martha Nicholson, Shreveport District  
4:15 P.M. Tea—Business Girls' Inn, 814 Cotton Street, Hostesses, Shreveport District Guilds  
6:45 P.M. Fellowship Dinner—Baird Hall, First Methodist Church, Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport District Secretary, presiding  
Invocation: Dr. John J. Rasmusum, Pastor, Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport  
Fellowship

#### EVENING SESSION—Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

8:15 P.M. Organ Prelude  
Communion Service—Dr. B. C. Taylor, Shreveport District Superintendent in Charge  
(Love Offering will be presented at this meeting)  
Call to Worship—Mrs. Minza Rabun  
Special Music  
Address—Mrs. Harold L. Soulen, Vice-President, South Central Jurisdiction  
Announcements  
Pledge Service  
Benediction — Mrs. C. I. Jones, Conference President of Women's Society of Christian Service

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1956

7:30 A.M. Breakfast — Garden Room, Captain Shreve Hotel, Miss Helen Adams, presiding  
Meditation: Mrs. George Sexton, Shreveport  
8:45 A.M. Morning Session—Lake Room, Captain Shreve Hotel  
Call to Order—Miss Grace Lawson, presiding  
Prayer—Miss Lillian Kennedy, Editor, Guild Times  
Special Music  
Panel Discussion (Miss Grace Lawson in Charge)  
Guild Hymn  
10:00 A.M. Order of Business—Mrs. Minza Rabun  
Report on Registration  
Report of Committees  
Other Business  
Invitation  
Adjournment  
10:50 A.M. Church Service—First Methodist Church  
12:15 P.M. Lunch—Baird Hall, First Methodist Church, Courtesy of Shreveport District, Wesleyan Service Guilds

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### ACCOMMODATIONS:

Room rates at Captain Shreve Hotel are as follows:

Single Room.....\$5.50

Double Room ..... 7.50

Twin Beds ..... 8.50

Rollaway beds may be placed in rooms for \$2.00 each.

#### COST:

The following fees were set by the Conference Executive Committee and do not include hotel cost:

Registration .....\$1.00

Saturday Night

Dinner ..... 1.75

Sunday Morning

Breakfast ..... 1.00

Total .....\$3.75

#### PRE-REGISTRATION:

Dead line date: February 15, 1956  
Guilds are requested to send Registration Forms and Hotel Reservation Cards and a check for \$3.75 per person to

Mrs. C. A. Farrar

2923 Drexel Street

Shreveport, Louisiana

After the Registration Committee has checked information, the Hotel Reservation Cards will be presented to the Hotel, so your room will be waiting for you upon arrival.

#### REGISTRATION:

Saturday, March 3, 1956, 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Lobby of Captain Shreve Hotel. If you arrive after 1:30 p.m., please register at First Methodist Church.

## DID YOU KNOW

That at all meetings which are held by the Wesleyan Service Guild at the Conference level the members who attend are covered by insurance? Included in the registration fee is an amount to purchase trip insurance for each one who comes to the Annual Spring Meeting and to Camp Brewer for Guild Week End. For the past several years, Miss Margaret McGowan, New Orleans District Secretary, has attended to the business arrangements to provide this protection for Guild members.



# A MISSIONARY TOUR TO MEXICO

**Editor's Note:** Among the forty-six Guild members of the South Central Jurisdiction who made the missionary tour to Mexico last August were four from Louisiana: our conference secretary, Minza Rabun, Kelma Berry of Bastrop, Fannie Burch of Amite, and Sarah Gaunt of Lake Charles. In this article Minza gives us a few highlights of that memorable trip.

Mexico is a land of contrasts, a land of beauty, enchantment and culture, but also a land of poverty, with misery, squalor, and superstitions. Several civilizations have made Mexico's history, each leaving its marks on the country and the people. First the Mayas, then the Toltecs and finally the Aztecs, who for two centuries before the Spaniards came ruled over a large part of Mexico, gradually mingling with the Toltecs. Both races were highly cultured, however, the Aztecs proved the stronger, and soon took over political and cultural leadership. Today only one-sixth of the eighteen million people are pure Indian. These three million speak some fifty-two dialects. For the most part the people are Mestizos, the result of generations of intermingling of the Indian and Spanish races.

When Hernando Cortes began his invasion of Mexico on March 21, 1519, he found much wealth, large cities, and the Indians steeped in their pagan religions, worshipping the sun, moon and stars and offering human sacrifices. He was horrified at this paganism, and immediately set out to subject these people to Catholicism. In his greed for fame and fortune he treated them very badly. However, he built many churches and monasteries to enforce his religion. Our guide told us that if Cortes had built schools in proportion to the churches Mexico would today be ahead of the United States in education.

With a background like this you can readily see the need for missions and missionaries. The Methodist Church began its work in Mexico about 1871 through the devout efforts of two sainted Bishops, one of them from New Orleans. Today there are 35,000 Methodist nationals. In Mexico City there are eleven churches. Our tour group visited three of these. They were the First Methodist, Gante (the oldest—80 years) and Gethsemani.

We found the church to be autonomous with its own bishops, conferences, and districts, and we met many of the leaders of the church, but time would not permit more visitation. There are two conferences in Mexico, the Central and the Border. When one realizes the size of the Republic of Mexico with its 29 states and two districts, one immediately begins to see the need for more missions. We visited in many of the states and the Federal District in which Mexico City is located.

The work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service began in Mexico about 65 years ago. Today we have work in the following places: Mexico City, Monterrey, Pachuca, Puebla, Reynosa, and Saltillo. A good report of these can be found in the little book on foreign work called "Do You Know," and more information concerning the missionaries and their work is given in the Annual Report of the Woman's Division. I had my "Do You Know" with me and found it indispensable as we visited the Deaconess Home (known as The Union Evangelical Center), The Aztec Clinic, and the Escuela Laura Temple, or the Industrial School, all in Mexico City. We also saw the work at Pachuca where we visited the Escuela Hijos de Allende under Mexican leadership. The work at Monterrey was closed for the month of August, but I had a nice letter from our own Margaret Wade Campbell, giving us a cordial invitation to stop and visit with the Mexican woman there. We next went to see the work at Puebla. Here we operate a Student Hostel, in cooperation with the Normal School which is under Mexican Protestant management. I wish I had time and space to give you some of the details of the wonderful work being done in these places.

While we were in Mexico City we were entertained on Saturday night, August 6th, by the women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at the First Methodist Church, and again on Monday night, August 8th, by the members of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the city, at Gante Church.

Never have I seen so much enthusiasm and animation as was displayed by the little President, Alejandra Ortez, who did not speak English, but understood it and could write it some. She gave me her autograph with a personal message in English.

The Wesleyan Service Guild is ten years old and was organized in Mexico by Gold C. Hauser. They do not call themselves the Wesleyan Service Guild, but prefer to be known the Legion Blanca de Servicio, or "The White Legion of Service." They carry on the same program as we, and we heard the reports of their district secretaries. It was most heart warming to find that they cooperate fully with the Woman's Society of Christian Service by promoting the total missionary program. Their motto is "Service is joy both as groups and as individuals," and they always try to give help with joy to all who come to them.

We were invited to a reception but found it was a banquet. The tables were beautifully decorated with Guild colors, and a typical Mexican meal was served. We were told later that it was the type of entertainment we would have if we were having a Christmas or Thanksgiving party. They had prepared their very best for us.

Everywhere we went they spoke of us as the mother-church. That gave me a rather queer feeling at first, until I realized that since I was twenty I had been helping to promote the Great Commission through the missionary efforts of the Woman's Division.

Someone asked me as we were returning home just what I was going to tell you about the work of our church in Mexico and its great needs. This was what I said, "We have not been assigned any 'Special Interests' in Mexico, but I am convinced that I can tell my Guild people about the great opportunity of witnessing for Christ by going into full-time service or as a special worker under the LA-3 program." And that is what I want to make real to you with this report. Teachers and specialists in every line of work can render a great service to these warm-hearted, lovable people who are hungering and thirsting for a better way of life. If you could see the bright, intelligent faces of the beautiful children we met in our schools and hostels, I am sure you would be moved as I was. When you see women like Miss Clara Gibson in Puebla, and Miss Warner at the Deaconess School in Mexico City who have spent their lives among these people and hear them express appreciation to us who have made it possible for them to stay in these places of service, you feel rather guilty because we have done so little. Won't you pray about this matter? As the Rev. Francisco Larios, the pastor of Gethsemani Church, said, "Ask God to make a way for us in Mexico."



Chapultepec Palace



## FRIENDSHIP NIGHT SPONSORED BY OPELOUSAS GUILD

As a Christian Social Relations project, an inter-faith Friendship Night meeting was sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild of Opelousas on November 18. Judge Fannie Burch of Amite, guest speaker at the meeting of nearly 100 women, chose as her subject, "The Church Woman and Her Political Responsibility."

"Corruption in public office is a bigger menace to this nation than the H-bomb," Judge Burch told her audience. "Your responsibility is to vote for people who are not corrupt. If you let personality sway you, you are selling America short. Vote your convictions for character and principle and not for power and faction."

Judge Burch was introduced by Mrs. Hazel Golson, president of the Guild. Mrs. J. W. Low of the Presbyterian Church gave the invocation; Mrs. J. R. Brown of the Baptist Church offered the devotional; and Mrs. Julian Kurtz of Temple Emmanuel pronounced the benediction. Miss Genevieve Gordon of the Episcopal Church and Mrs. Herschell McLeod of the Methodist Church provided the music.

Mrs. Golson introduced the leaders of the participating church societies who attended the dinner as follows: Mrs. H. C. Walker, Baptist Women's Missionary Union; Mrs. Kurtz, Jewish Sisterhood; Mrs. Louis Gil, Episcopal Altar Guild; Mrs. Clarence Cain, Episcopal Auxiliary; Mrs. H. C. Stubblefield, Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service; and Mrs. Grover French, Christian Science.

The dining room was festive with arrangements of chrysanthemums, and a barbecue chicken dinner was served by the Guild members.

## JENNINGS GUILD HOSTESS TO ZONE MEETING

An officer training session was held at First Methodist Church, Jennings, on October 30 with Mrs. Lena Sweeney, Lake Charles District Secretary, in charge of the meeting. In attendance were Mrs. Lena Sweeney and Mrs. Edna Gerdsen of Lake Charles; Mrs. Eva Stocking, Mrs. Dora Rodeke, and Miss Grace Lawson of Welsh; Mrs. Hester Vaught, Mrs. Ella Lee Faulk, Mrs. Maureen Buch, Mrs. Florence Tuthill, Mrs. Vivian Smith, Mrs. Edith McCourt, Miss Fern Himler, the Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Crichlow of Jennings.

Mrs. Hilda Mitchell, publicity chairman, reports that a prayer group of the Jennings Guild meets every week under the leadership of Mrs. Vivian Smith, spiritual life chairman.

Attention is called to the value of summertime study by the experience of the Jennings Guild last year. Seven members met in special sessions to study "This Revolutionary Faith" and found it most rewarding. In planning for months ahead Guild officers throughout the Conference are urged to consider scheduling a study class during June, July, or August. Perhaps you, too, will find it profitable.

## SOCIETY AND GUILD HAVE ANNUAL DINNER MEETING AT MINDEN

The annual dinner meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild was attended by over a hundred women from the two organizations of First Methodist Church, Minden, in October.

The members of the Woman's Society were hostesses at a bountiful meal, with beautifully decorated tables and other appointments. The Guild provided the program, the principal feature being an inspirational talk on "A Vision of a Better Life" by Mrs. Guy M. Hicks of Ruston.

Mrs. J. B. Williams, president of the Woman's Society, welcomed the members and guests, and then presented Miss Ruby Craton, president of the Guild, who in turn presented the vice-president and program chairman, Mrs. John Watkins, who introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Hicks. The meal was begun by the singing of one of the "Wesley Graces" as planned by Mrs. N. E. Joyner, with Mrs. Ralph Goodwill leading and Mrs. C. M. Richie at the piano. At the close of Mrs. Hicks' message, Mrs. P. L. Watson dismissed the group with prayer.

## CONFERENCE TREASURER SENDS MESSAGE TO LOUISIANA GUILDS

Believing that the report of our Conference Treasurer to the Executive Guild Committee in Alexandria last November would be of great interest to members of the Wesleyan Service Guild throughout Louisiana, the editor asked Mrs. J. H. McSween to prepare a statement for GUILD TIMES. Mrs. McSween's gracious response to our request was the following letter:

Alexandria, La.  
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Guild Friends,

I show below the financial statement of the WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD of the LOUISIANA CONFERENCE for the first two quarters 1955-1956. RECEIPTS:

Pledge to Missions .....	\$5,982.99
In Remembrance .....	35.00
Jurisdiction Projects .....	28.89
Lela Norris Scholarship .....	14.50
Special Memberships .....	290.00

Total credit on pledge .....	\$6,351.38
Supplies .....	1,027.33
Week of Prayer .....	158.00

Total Receipts .....	\$7,536.71
Less reserve for cultivation .....	963.00

Total sent to Woman's Division .....\$6,573.71

You will recall, the Wesleyan Service Guild's Pledge to Missions for the year 1955-1956 was \$12,800.00, so I think this is an excellent half year report. With this good start, I feel sure you will overpay your Pledge to Missions again this year.

Your Secretary and all Guild members should be proud of this fine showing. You are going farther ahead each year.

It is a joy for me to work with you in the furthering of His Kingdom.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. J. H. McSween  
Conference Treasurer

## ALEXANDRIA GUILD RECEIVES JR CREDIT FOR STUDY

The Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, was awarded Jurisdiction Recognition for their study, "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World," in late November. Miss Laudine Smith, president of the Guild, reports that the group found the text of the course, written by Dr. Floyd Shacklock, most interesting. "We were very fortunate in having a splendid teacher, Mrs. George Powell," writes Laudine.

The Alexandria Guild is placing special emphasis on reporting and is working to reach 100% attendance at Guild meetings.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT HOLDS COACHING CONFERENCE

The second annual District Coaching Conference was held in late October at First Methodist Church, Lafayette. Miss Helen Adams, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life for the Guild, gave the meditation using the theme, "Christian Discipleship." Workshops on membership, missionary education, and Christian social relations were conducted by Miss Marilyn Carter, Mrs. Frances Hollier, and Mrs. Hazel Golson.

A special guest, Mrs. Julia Reed Paxton, gave most helpful suggestions for promoting spiritual life programs in the Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. Paxton is Conference Chairman of this line of work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Members of the Lafayette Guild were hostesses at a fellowship hour which followed the meeting.



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Hello:

Greetings to you, and best wishes for a bright, happy, and good year during 1956!

Thank you for the many, many lovely Christmas cards and encouraging notes you sent me, helping to make the past Holy Christmas Season one of the nicest in my life.

My father had surgery just before Christmas, and we were dreadfully worried about him (he is still in a critical condition), but I was fortunate to get him out of the hospital in time for Christmas dinner with our family at my home. Mother has been ill for several years, but was some improved for the holidays. God is so good to spare our loved ones and to give us the courage to meet all of life's experiences. We had a lovely Holy Communion service at 7:00 o'clock Christmas morning; which had a great deal to do with lifting my spirits, and reassuring me of God's glorious love and His precious promises.

We have just come through the first primary of our state and parish elections, and my boss, Sheriff R. E. Harp, was second in the race; this has not helped my personal feelings, but has convinced many of us that we must work a little harder. We have a good Christian man in office, and many of us (some perhaps a wee bit selfishly) wish to keep him there. I feel that the Christian people throughout Louisiana and our nation, generally speaking, need to assert themselves, and not be timid about what they believe and stand for. It is certainly a deplorable situation when we elect a person to any office because of his ability to create fan-fare, noise, and general blah-blah. We must register public opinion, and keep on keeping on. It will soon be that we cannot get Christian men and women to run for any public office unless we do this. Help me pray that we will all seek to know and accomplish God's will as we make our choices in the second primary on February 21st.

As you know, we have entered the last half year of this quadrennium, and I am wondering if you have given serious consideration to the goals of this 4-year period. Miss Lillian Johnson, our executive secretary has challenged us with this statement, "The beginning of a new year is the time when we look at our record and see where we stand. Then we look ahead to see where we want to go, and we resolve many things. Would you be willing to make one resolution among others—that the membership of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild shall reach the two million mark by May 31, the end of this quadrennium? And then would you work to interest those women who are not yet members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild to join now?"

Miss Gertie Stiles, our jurisdiction secretary, has sent us this message, "While we are beginning a new calendar year, we are closing a quadrennium in the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild—a good time to evaluate our work and to know what is left to be accomplished before May 31. This is the only recommendation that was lifted up in the Standing Committee (Guild) meeting. Great plans are in the making for the new quadrennium but are not ready for release at this time, which makes it possible for us to concentrate on the big job of completing our aims for this four-year period. I would like to emphasize the goal set for us by our Jurisdiction President, Mrs. W. E. Horton, a Guild in every church where feasible. You will have many other goals as set forth in your conference."

I am happy to report that we have a new Guild at Zwolle, in the Shreveport District. The president is Mrs. Garrett H. Walsh. Wouldn't you like to write her and welcome her and this splendid group into our fine Christian fellowship? Arline is doing some mighty good work in her District, and deserves much credit for this unit.

I am not going to give you a report of our work at this time due to the fact that we are meeting so early this spring. I will save all statistics for my annual report.

You are doing much fine work, but you have not

## RE MINDER

Promotion Secretaries' reports were due January 16. Has your Guild reported?

## LAKE CHARLES WSG SECRETARY SCHEDULES DISTRICT MEETING

Mrs. Lena Sweeney, District Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, Lake Charles, has announced plans for a District meeting to be held at University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, on January 29 at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Robert Crichlow of Jennings whose subject will be "The Work and Purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild."

Following the meeting, the group will be entertained at a tea in the Parish Hall.

As a part of their celebration of Guild Month, the University Guild will join in the Prayer Chain in January, Mrs. Sweeney says.

The following are the Lake Charles District Officers chosen in a series of zone meetings held this fall:

Spiritual Life, Mrs. Ray Cooley, DeQuincy.

Missionary Education, Mrs. Elsie W. Rowland, First Church, Lake Charles

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities  
Mrs. Evelyn Wagnon, Jennings

## GUILD MONTH OBSERVED IN NEW ORLEANS

Mrs. Willie Ray Jones, Publicity Chairman of the New Orleans District, sends news of the observance of Guild month by groups at Rayne Memorial, Carrollton, Munholland, and Gentilly. As a part of their celebration, each of these Guilds attended church services as a group. Recognition of the purpose and work of the Wesleyan Service Guild was given by the pastors and by notes in the church bulletins.

On December 18, the Rayne Memorial Guild took gifts of dishes, clothing, medicines, and foods to Dulac. Mrs. Evelyn Carr Davis was in charge of the project. This group also had their annual Christmas party for the girls at the Methodist Home Hospital and sent Holiday gifts to the student at Vashi School, Thomasville, Georgia, whom they assist throughout the year.

The Munholland Guild had as a special Christmas project taking gifts to the two, three, and four-year old children at People's Community Center (colored). Members report that the blessing that came to them as they shared in the joy of little children at Christmas added much to their own celebration of the Holy Season.

"New Orleans Guilds are trying to make plans to be well represented at Spring Meeting in Shreveport in March," writes Willie Ray, "however, as the distance is great and as so many of us work a half-day on Saturday, it is going to take real 'heroics' to accomplish this!"

## WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY

To Miss Emma Kuntz and her sister, Helena, in the loss of their brother on January 17.

gained the members we had hoped for, and each quarter we seem to lose a few more. Let's each one adopt one Methodist woman who is not a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service nor the Guild and see if we can help Mrs. Frank Brooks reach her goal of two million members before May 31.

I shall be expecting to greet each of you personally at our Spring Meeting at First Church in Shreveport, March 3-4. Don't fail me!

Lovingly,  
Minza Rabun,  
Your Conference Secretary



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER TO BE OBSERVED FEBRUARY 17

The call to prayer will be answered by people around the world as they go to the churches on the first Friday in Lent to be a part of a great ecumenical experience on the World Day of Prayer. To try to capture in imagination the scene of a world at prayer, to think of millions of individuals of all circumstances and condition, in all sorts of places, devoutly bowing before the Heavenly Father to share with Him their joys and sorrows, is a soul-stirring spiritual exercise. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of," wrote Tennyson. Great things can be expected when God's children join together in faith and unity of purpose. The theme of the observance is well chosen, "One Flock, One Shepherd."

Guild members will want to share in the blessing that will come from the World Day of Prayer. In some instances, they will provide leadership in planning the services. Such is the case in Baton Rouge where the chairman of the committee for the World Day of Prayer for the community is Mrs. Estell G. Currie, a Guild member of First Methodist Church.

February 17, the World Day of Prayer, offers each of us a rich opportunity, whether we kneel with a great throng of worshippers or alone in our own room, to join in this special observance, to unite with our world neighbors in prayer.

"For so the whole round earth is every way  
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."  
(Tennyson)

## GUILD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HOLDS MID-YEAR MEETING

The mid-year meeting of the Guild Conference Executive Committee was held November 19-20 at the Ed Mary Tourist Court in Alexandria. Present for the meeting were Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Guild Secretary; Mrs. J. H. McSween, Conference Treasurer; Guild Chairmen of lines of work; Miss Helen Adams, Miss Emma Kuntz, and Miss Grace Lawson; District Secretaries: Mrs. Louise Roberts, Miss Marilyn Carter, Miss Sue Batton, Miss Margaret McGowan, and Miss Arline Tyler; Miss Jenibe Westbrook, Recording Secretary; and Miss Lillian Kennedy, Editor, Guild Times. Special guests were Miss Fannie Burch and Mrs. Neva Rye.

Messages were sent to members who were unable to be present: Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. George Powell, Mrs. Wide-man Watson, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. A. F. Hanson, Miss Mary Lucile Napier, Mrs. Lena Sweeney, and Mrs. Ruth Guthrie.

Plans were made for the Fifth Annual Spring Meeting to be held in Shreveport, March 3-4, and a program committee was named for Guild Week to be held at Camp Brewer in July: Miss Margaret McGowan, Chairman, Mrs. Louise Roberts, and Miss Marilyn Carter. It was announced that dates for Guild Week have not yet been cleared, but that the meeting would probably be scheduled for mid-July. Mr. Mike Willis, who is in charge of the Woman's Division project—Aldersgate Camp at Little Rock—will be the special guest at Camp Brewer.

Delegates to the Jurisdiction School of Missions to be held at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, in June were named. There are Mrs. Minza Rabun, Miss Mary Lucile Napier, and Miss Marilyn Carter. Alternates are Mrs. Louise Roberts, Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, and the Conference Membership Chairman to be elected at Spring meeting.

In her financial report to the group, Mrs. J. H. McSween, Conference Treasurer, stated that a splendid record of per capita giving had been set by the WSCS and Guild. An average of \$7.05 per member was contributed by these groups in Louisiana.

A nominating committee, appointed to serve the two years, 1956-1957, was chosen: Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, Chairman, Miss Helen Adams, and Mrs. Neva Rye. The committee was instructed to prepare a slate of officers to be presented at Spring Meeting. Officers to be chosen are Chairmen of Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, and Membership.

Reports were heard from all members of the executive

## A LOOK AHEAD

In the weeks that lie just ahead are several important tasks which require attention and planning. The choice of a delegate to Spring Meeting is the first. Every Guild should plan to send at least one delegate to Shreveport. Attendance at Conference meetings brings rich returns to Guilds in inspiration, knowledge, and enthusiasm. Then there is the election of officers which will be held in April. A nominating committee must be chosen soon if it is to do careful, thorough work. Officers will be installed in May, and begin their duties in June.

As soon as officers are chosen in April, the list of their names should be prepared in duplicate, one copy being sent to the Conference Secretary, Mrs. Minza Rabun, 504 Jackson Street, Bastrop, Louisiana. The other copy should be sent to your District Secretary whose name and address you will find in the July, 1955, issue of Guild Times. The responsibility for sending in these names belongs to the present Promotion Secretary, but the president, too, is responsible. She must be sure that the Promotion Secretary is aware of this duty and see that she can perform it.

It is recommended that officer training meetings be held on the local and district levels in the spring, shortly after new officers are chosen.

Now, looking all the way ahead to the summer and vacation time, why not plan to include Jurisdiction Guild Week-End as a part of your holiday? A visit to the beautiful Ozark mountains and a two-day stay at Mt. Sequoyah, plus the inspiration of meeting Guild members from eight states and sharing in the planning for the Jurisdiction—these can be yours if you choose. The dates for Jurisdiction Guild Week-End are June 16-17, and you'll be hearing more about it. It's not too early to begin making plans.

## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The Sixteenth Annual Report, 1954-1955, of the Women's Division of Christian Service entitled "The Fruits of Discipleship" is now off the press and available from Literature Headquarters at sixty cents a copy. The Annual Report furnishes "most interesting information . . . for study and reference, for program use, as material for speeches, and certainly as a source of inspiration for earnest prayer."

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.

John Wesley

The reward for a thing well done is to have done it.  
Emerson.

There is no duty we so much underrate as the duty  
of being happy.

R. L. Stevenson.

O that we had spent but one day in this world thor-  
oughly well.

Thomas A. Kempis

## WANTED!

News for GUILD TIMES. This Conference publication belongs to all Wesleyan Service Guild members of Louisiana. When you own something, you have a responsibility to it. Won't you send news of your Guild, clippings of your newspaper publicity, and notes on individuals which will be of interest to other Guild members? The deadline for news for the April issue is March 10.

committee, and the group enjoyed the showing of colored slides by Miss Fannie Burch on Saturday evening. The pictures were taken last August when Miss Burch was a member of the Guild Missionary Tour to Mexico.





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## THE WORLD TO SERVE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED

"The World to Serve"—this Wesleyan Service Guild motto presents a challenge which at first thought seems too overwhelming to be undertaken. Can a woman—one individual—commit herself to such a far reaching purpose? We remember the Great Commission that Jesus gave to his disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." This was not too much for twelve men to undertake because Jesus, the Realist, gave them a pattern of action. "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." Jesus intends that we must begin where we are and work from there. First we must make disciples of ourselves and then go on to those around us, working in ever widening circles.

Thus the emphasis for this quadrennium has been on Discipleship, and during the last four years progress has been made in all the areas with which discipleship deals: spiritual growth, a widening fellowship, a world church, peace, and missions.

As the quadrennium closes, let us look again at our own organization, the Wesleyan Service Guild. Let us try to see why it exists and why it has called us to the high purposes which are its goals. In its very name we find some answers.

**WESLEYAN** — We Methodists love and respect the name, for the things which John Wesley stood for are the foundations of the Methodist Church. The Guild was planned by the leaders of our Church for us, the employed women of the church, in order that we would not be without the opportunity to share in its missionary outreach. The Wesleyan Service Guild is a unique organization—unique because it is a distinctive part of the official women's organization of the church, the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The group is planned, as you know, so that meetings can be held at night and on week-ends when employed women are free to attend.

The Guild places special stress on the contribution of the employed woman in the business, professional, industrial, and social world of today. We women who work have an unlimited opportunity to be representatives of our Church. People soon find out that we are Methodists, and our church is judged by the way we work in our stores, schools, plants, and offices. Membership in the Guild helps us learn ways of being more faithful and acceptable representatives of our Church.

We have mentioned that the Guild is a distinctive part of the WSCS. There has been some confusion and misunderstanding about the relationship between the two groups. Too few realize that they are exactly the same organization because the basic purposes, theme, and emphases are identical. However, the Guild has freedom to make its own plans and programs and to designate the use of its own funds as long as it works within the framework of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. There is a growing understanding between these two groups, and from it there is resulting harmonious and effective work, spiritually rewarding to all.

Writing in the January 13, 1955 issue of the **CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE** on "The Church at Work", Mr. Shelby

E. Southard, editor of the **METHODIST LAYMAN** had this to say about the record of Methodist women, "... no one can remember any more when Methodist women weren't working together. The scope of the program of the 2,000,000 members of the Society (and Guild) would be a little awesome if it weren't concerned with such homely, tender, warmhearted things: the needs of old folks and little children, of the sick, the needy and the underprivileged here at home and in some of the most unlikely spots on this earth."

It was Dr. Roy E. Smith, however, who gave the most concise and comprehensive picture of the scope and potential power of our Methodist women's organization. His words date back to 1940 when unification had just taken place and the women's organizations of the three Methodist churches were united in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and The Wesleyan Service Guild under the Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church. His words are still true.

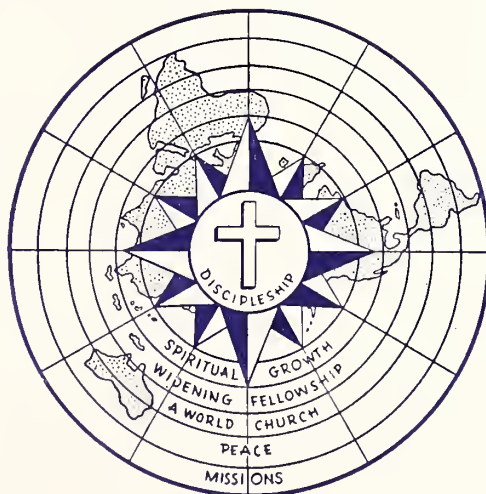
"The Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church is surely born for such a time as this," wrote Dr. Smith. "The constitution adopted by the General Conference at Atlantic City in 1940 called into existence the greatest body of organized womanhood in the history of Protestantism. In the matter of property, investment, working force, giving constituency, literature, organization machinery, potential power, numerical strength, and institutional development, nothing comparable to it has ever before been seen within the ranks of the Protestant Christian Church.

"The church has provided, within its own structure, an organization sufficiently broad and varied in its objectives to challenge the full capacity of every woman in its membership. No woman's club in America can compare with the Woman's Division of Christian Service in breadth of outlook, patriotic purposes, cultural depth, or magnitude of enterprise. It is the greatest organization of which any Methodist woman can be a member. It combines Christian citizenship, international outlook, social service, genuine Americanism, and a spiritual idealism incomparable.

"But the glory of the organization will depend upon every woman in the church standing faithfully in her place and assuming her personal responsibility. God alone can estimate what it would mean to the world to have one million women with open minds, sensitive consciences, dedicated possessions, and a Christian zeal united in the mighty endeavor to incarnate the Lord Christ in the social, economic, cultural, and spiritual life of America. Such an achievement would shake the world.

"The Woman's Division of Christian Service must become much more than a great organization. It must achieve the status of a crusade which will redeem the life of our beloved land and render it safe against corruption." (Quoted in the **METHODIST WOMAN**, September, 1952)

This great group has become more than just an organization.  
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## INGLESIDE GUILD PRESENTS THREE HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Ingleside Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, is a small but active group and has been organized less than three years. With a membership of only twelve, they have eight or more at almost all meetings. Percentage-wise this is very good. One of the members said recently, "Belonging to a small group has been a wonderful experience. In large groups, one rarely ever gets to know twelve people well."

Having a small membership has meant active members. To have a program each one has to take a part.

The outstanding month this year for the Ingleside group was Guild Month. On the second Sunday in January, the Guild was recognized at the morning worship service. Members sat in a reserved pew and could be identified by their corsages which were in Guild colors. They were a happy and proud group as their president, Ina Porter, made shot talk telling the congregation of the year's activities and accomplishments. At this service the Guild awarded three life memberships, one adult and two youth. These were given to outstanding people in the Church — not to Guild members. It was with a deep feeling of joy that the adult membership was given to the Church organist, Mrs. B. M. Vernon. Year in and year out the organist serves in such a vital spot and is never seen or heard, except musically. The youth memberships were given to Misses Patsy Bankhead and Julia Knight, both outstanding for their work with the youth program and with all phases of Church life, including singing in the choir.

An anonymous gift to the Guild made these memberships possible, and provided an occasion which will be long remembered by the Ingleside Guild and the congregation of their church.

## DISTRICT GUILD MEETING HELD AT BOGALUSA

Some forty members of the Wesleyan Service Guilds from Franklinton, Amite, Ponchatoula, Kentwood, and Bogalusa were present for a coaching conference for officers and members of standing committees held for the eastern area of the Baton Rouge District on Sunday, February 5, at Bogalusa.

Mary Lucille Napier of Kentwood, District Secretary, presided over the general session and was in charge of the conference discussions. Mrs. G. C. Dean of Kentwood brought the devotional talk at a general assembly using as the theme of her talk, "Prayer."

Following the worship period, the coaching conference was held. The duties of president were discussed by Mary Lucille. Mrs. John Sewell, wife of the pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Franklinton, led the discussion on the office of vice-president. Other offices covered were, Promotion Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Doughty; Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Flora Tauzin; Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. James Hutchinson; and Spiritual Life, Fannie Burch. The District Secretary, Mary Lucille Napier, gave information on the treasurer's work in directing funds to the various projects for which the Guild has responsibility.

A social hour was held in the church recreation room. Mrs. J. R. Wood is president of the Bogalusa Guild.

## CAN THIS BE DONE?

The time has come again to renew subscriptions to GUILD TIMES. Some have already sent in their dollars, but this is the first reminder which has gone out.

We have a wild (well, maybe) and wonderful (we're sure) plan. We firmly believe that GUILD TIMES should go to every Guild member in Louisiana. This issue is being sent to every one we can reach. If enough of you send in subscriptions we can do this every time. WON'T YOU HELP!

We're asking that you give a part of your May meeting to GUILD TIMES, reminding your group of this plan, offering a prayer for its success, and thinking of suggestions for its improvements.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

## DATES FOR 1956 SCHOOL OF MISSIONS ANNOUNCED

The 1956 School of Missions and Christian Service will be held at Centenary College, Shreveport, August 13-17, 1956. Dean for the school is Mrs. Robley W. Davis and committee chairman is Mrs. Wideman Watson. This year's theme is "Oh, Come, Let Us Adore Him."

It is not too early to plan to attend the school. Look at the center spread in the April, 1956 METHODIST WOMAN for the names of the courses and titles of textbooks. If you plan to attend the school and can choose the course now that you will take, why not order your textbook and study it carefully before August? You'll find that it will be time well spent.

Watch the next issue of GUILD TIMES for more details concerning the School of Missions.

## GUILD REPORTER SENDS NEWS OF NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

The following news notes were received from Willie Ray Jones, Guild Publicity Chairman for the New Orleans District:

Guilds of the New Orleans District met at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church on April 2nd to hear Miss Nina Stallings, former missionary to the Philippine Islands. Miss Stallings made an inspiring talk and showed beautiful slides of people and places she had known in her work in the Philippines. Before her talk, a young layman of Rayne Memorial, Mr. Robert Wall, assistant to the Mayor, presented to Miss Stallings a miniature gold key to the city and a scroll making her an honorary citizen of New Orleans.

As an outgrowth of their study on American Indians, the Munholland Guild wrote to the Indian mission in Oklahoma to inquire concerning some need that they might supply there. They learned that the daughter of one of the Indian pastors was to graduate soon and to enter nurse's training. A gift of money was sent to the young Indian girl to provide her with her graduation dress and accessories.

Rayne Memorial Guild has begun the study of "An Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics." Joining them in the course are members of First Methodist Guild. Mrs. Sam Dunbar is teaching the class, and twenty-two attended the first session.

One of the highlights of the year for the New Orleans Guilds was the Seminar held at St. Mark's. Several speakers from foreign countries were heard, and the sessions were devoted to discussions of ways to improve relationships among the races.

## NEW GUILD UNIT ORGANIZED IN SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Arline Tyler, Shreveport District Secretary, has announced that a new Guild unit has been organized at Zwolle with twelve members on the charter roll. The following officers have been chosen to lead the Zwolle Guild: Mrs. Garrett Walsh, president Mrs. Woody Holmes, Vice-president Mrs. Lois Leone, Promotion Secretary and Treasurer; and Mrs. O. M. Ballard, Co-ordinator.





Mrs. Soulen, Mrs. Rabun, Miss Stiles

## GUILD DELEGATES GATHER IN SHREVEPORT FOR FIFTH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

Always a high point of the year for its members is the annual spring meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild. The 1956 meeting held in Shreveport in March was no exception, and every expectation of the one hundred sixty-four delegates who travelled from all parts of the State to attend was realized. A splendid program arranged under the chairmanship of Sue Batton of Minden provided inspiration and information, and the efficient planning of the hostess Guilds contributed to the comfort and pleasure of the visitors and resulted in a smooth-running schedule of events. From the moment the meeting was convened by the conference secretary, Minza Rabun, until the last goodbye was said after the hostess guilds served Sunday lunch, the time was filled with wonderful periods of devotion, interesting meetings, helpful discussions, and friendly get-togethers. As delegates returned to their homes, they felt renewed, rededicated, ready to take up their Guild tasks with greater zeal and determination.

A very special guest at the meeting was Miss Gertie Stiles, South Central Jurisdiction Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. The Louisiana Guild felt greatly honored by her presence since this is the second time she has paid an official visit to the Conference. During her first year in office she attended the 1953 Spring Meeting held in Baton Rouge. Miss Stiles will complete four year of service as Jurisdiction Secretary this summer. "These have been the happiest, most rewarding years of my life," she said in her talk to the delegates.

Of great interest to those attending the Shreveport meeting was a visit to Business Girls' Inn, a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. At the tea held there, Guild members saw the facilities of a comfortable home which have been made available to young working girls who come to Shreveport to begin their business and professional careers.

At the Saturday evening session, Dr. B. C. Taylor, assisted by other ministers of the Shreveport area, conducted the communion service. Guild delegates left their love offerings on the altar, and the gift of \$252.20, dedicated in memory of Mr. W. J. Peters, Minza's father, was given to the Marion Lela Norris Scholarship Fund.

Speaker for the evening session was Mrs. Harold Soulen, Vice-President, South Central Jurisdiction, Woman's Society of Christian Service, who presented a stirring challenge to Methodist women to greater roles of service in meeting the tremendous needs which exist at home and abroad. Mrs. Soulen was introduced by Mrs. Sam Dunbar of New Orleans, South Central Jurisdiction Secretary of Supply Work.

The evening session was concluded with a pledge service. Using a special program prepared by Mrs. J. H. McSween, Conference Treasurer, the secretaries of the eight

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## MRS. HAROLD SOULEN ADDRESSES FIFTH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

Speaking at the annual spring meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Harold Soulen, South Central Jurisdiction Vice-President, WSCS, impressed her audience with the great opportunities for service there are around the world and the distressing shortage of workers to meet all the needs and to fill all the places where work must be done if Christ is to be made known and His Kingdom to be advanced in today's world.

Mrs. Soulen cited first the need to increase our own ranks in the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and reminded the group of the goal of 2,000,000 members to be reached by June of this year. This means that for every seven members we now have, one more must be won to work and serve in our women's organization. Remarking on the fine privilege that membership offers to Methodist women, Mrs. Soulen said that one must give her whole self in service to mankind, that the opportunity awaits young, middle-aged and older woman. This invitation to a close fellowship in a friendly circle enriches lives and contributes to more joyous living.

"The task to which we are called might seem overwhelming in its scope," the speaker said. "However, we must remember that a journey of one thousand miles begins with one step, and the individual member determines the success of the whole undertaking. 'I am only one, but I am one,' each woman must remind herself. 'If the world is to know, I must know and care if the world is to know, I must give, I must dedicate my all to Him. I must be my brother's brother.'"

Mrs. Soulen spoke of the splendid opportunity which the Guild and Woman's Society have in presenting through their regular programs the work of the missionary. "Program material on the activities of our missionaries is extremely interesting," she said. "Oftimes in our laxity, we do not prepare our programs well and they become dry, dead. This should not be. The work of the missionary is dynamic. We must make it real and alive for our members. We must attract and send out our best and finest people to the mission field to witness for Christ and to advance His Kingdom."

In discussing the dangerously thinning ranks of our missionaries throughout the world, Mrs. Soulen gave some interesting but sobering statistics. Of every 100 active missionaries on the foreign field, eight are on pre-retirement leave, eight are on regular furlough, and three are on leave of absence. Of the 81 on the field, nine are in their last term of service and fourteen are special 3-year term missionaries. This means that there are only 58 of this number that can be counted on after three years. Of this number, 50% are past fifty years of age, and only 25% of them are under thirty. To replace the retiring missionaries

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Mrs. Tidwell, Mrs. Soulen, Mrs. Dunbar



## WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD RECOMMENDATIONS, 1956-1957

### IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. That through May 31, 1956, an evaluation be made of the goals set forth for the quadrennium and as far as is possible carry through with them as follows:
  - (a) Review the recommendations for the past three years.
  - (b) Place special emphasis on their completion.
  - (c) Make a careful check of the churches where there is no Guild unit to see if they are now ready for one to be formed.
  - (d) Is there a deserving member who could be honored with a special membership?
  - (e) Is there an employed woman waiting for an invitation to join the Wesleyan Service Guild?
  - (f) Could another study class be conducted?
  - (g) See that the pledge is paid in full.
2. That because of the urgent need for Christian workers, we not only think and talk about this opportunity and responsibility, open to Guild women, but that we be doers of the Word.
3. That every district secretary and every secretary of missionary education and service realize it is not only her privilege to attend the conference school of missions, but her responsibility.
4. That coaching conferences be held in the early fall on the district and local level.
5. That when the new goals are revealed to us, great plans be made for their achievement.
6. That with an humble and sincere rededication of self, we seek to carry out the purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

## MARTHA COLDWELL'S WEDDING IS ANNOUNCED

"Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth Russell announces the marriage of her daughter, Martha Frances Coldwell, to Mr. Charles Ernest Pipes on on Sunday the eleventh of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, Nashville, Tennessee," so reads the engraved card received at GUILD TIMES office. A letter from Mrs. Russell provides some interesting details. Remarking on the beauty of the wedding and noting that Martha had chosen a fine young man, she continued, "I believe together they will be able to go forward in a wonderful way in God's service. He has two years ahead of him in Vanderbilt School of Religion. As long as Martha's teaching does not interfere in his progress in his school work, she will continue with the Kindergarten at Lucy Holt Moore Center. In any case she will finish out her year. If he gets a church to serve this summer she will have a full time schedule helping him."

We of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, take this means of sending our best wishes to Martha and hope for her much happiness and great joy, knowing that, as a minister's wife, she will have a real opportunity to contribute to the building of God's Kingdom.

### MRS. HAROLD SOULEN—

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in this group there is an average of only five ready to go out

When a goal of one hundred new missionaries was set by the Jurisdiction, only twenty-four answered the call. Of these, seventeen were short-term missionaries, usually 3 years, and only seven were regular life service workers.

The speaker emphasized that there is a need for 500 deaconesses right now, and that there are many, many openings for directors of religious education and for church secretaries.

All of these facts present a tremendous challenge to members of the Wesleyan Service Guild for this is the group already trained and from it should come the workers the church so desperately needs. "Come over and help us" the Macedonian call re-echoes through the centuries and can be heard very clearly in this year of 1956. Only hearts keenly attuned to the will of God can catch the urgency of the cry and will respond by sacrificial giving of self to answer the call.

## YOU SHOULD BE THERE!

"Lest We Miss Thy Kingdom's Goal"

Guild Week-End

Camp Brewer

July 13, 14, and 15, 1956

## GUILD HISTORY REVIEWED AT SPECIAL OBSERVANCE IN ALEXANDRIA

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, held Open House on January 16 in observance of Guild Month. The past co-ordinators and presidents were especially invited. The Guild was organized in 1943 and has had three co-ordinators and twelve presidents. Two co-ordinators, Mrs. M. H. Foster and Mrs. Doris Braton, the organizer and first co-ordinator, had accepted the invitation, but at the last minute was unable to attend. Other invited guests were the presidents and members of Trinity Guild and Pineville Guild and the officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church.

The Guild has had two District Secretaries. Neva Rye, past secretary, spoke on the history of the Guild. Louise Roberts, the present secretary, spoke on the history of the Doris Branton Wesleyan Service Guild. Each co-ordinator and each president shared her memories of the Guild and its work through the years.

A social hour followed the program which was educational and inspirational. "This meeting," says Laudine Smith, president, "was the high point of the Guild year for us."

## HAYNESVILLE GUILD REPORTS INTERESTING ACTIVITIES

Haynesville Wesleyan Service Guild found many ways to make Guild Month meaningful to the Guild itself, to the church, and to the community. In January an informative news article on Wesleyan Service Guild work appeared on the front page of the weekly newspaper. The pastor gave special recognition to the members one Sunday during the month and a note in the church bulletin read in part: "We deeply appreciate the Wesleyan Service Guild in our Church here in Haynesville — they serve and give willingly, steadily, gladly!"

For their January meeting every member was present and as a special activity for the month, the members met in the school home economics building and cut out and made contour sheets for the Haynesville hospital. "We observed World Day of Prayer with a fine program and a good offering," writes Winnie Mai Camp, president. "We have had two studies, 'Between Two Worlds' and 'An Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics.' As a result of these studies, we sent ten dollars to Farmington, New Mexico and have ordered two books, THE IMITATION OF CHRIST and THE CHRISTIAN'S PATTERN, which we will send to the Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech."

## ANNUAL INTER-DENOMINATIONAL BROTHERHOOD DINNER SPONSORED BY SHREVEPORT WOMEN

On February 17th, the Guild of the Central Church of Christ served a Brotherhood Dinner to a large group of business and professional women from a majority of the religious denominations represented in Shreveport. This was the second annual dinner to be served. Last year, in February, the Wesleyan Service Guild of Noel Memorial Methodist Church sponsored the original dinner. It was then that the inception of the Brotherhood Dinner occurred. Noel Memorial Guild was represented this year by its president, Martha Nicholson, and the Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Virginia Wren.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Joe R. Babb, who gave an inspiring and impressive talk on "Brotherhood." February 17th was also World Day of Prayer and the program included an observance of this special event.

Next year the Brotherhood Dinner will be served by the Guilds of Morningside Methodist Church, Shreveport, and the Summer Grove Methodist Church.



# WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD ALWAYS FOR YOU

Do you remember reading in the Apostle Paul's letters that wonderful note of gratitude he was so often expressing for his friends? "I give thanks to God always for you," he wrote to the Corinthians; and to the Philippians, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you." This same feeling we have for our friends, and as Guild members we have an especially warm place in our hearts for those in the Woman's Society of Christian Service who do so much for their own group and then have energy and enthusiasm enough, and love enough to go beyond even the second mile to serve so beautifully as a part of the Wesleyan Service Guild. There are many of them, more than we'll ever be able to name. But we can and will name some! In this issue we begin our list. Districts and local guilds in this way can express to their WSCS friends their sincerest gratitude and appreciation. Here is the first group:

**Baton Rouge District:** MRS. R. O. COORPENDER, our District Treasurer, for her interest in Guild work and her untiring efforts to direct Guild funds into the proper channels. What a helpful friend she is to a district secretary!

**Ruston District:** MRS. WIDEMAN WATSON, a member of our Guild committee who has just been chosen for another term. She has proved a friend to all the Guilds in the district.

**Abbeville:** MRS. T. V. JENNERO, our coordinator, whose untiring efforts in our behalf are deeply appreciated. Her years of experience in the Guild and WSCS have been an invaluable aid to our work.

**Baton Rouge, First Church:** MRS. J. E. LAWTON, our coordinator, who is faithful in attendance at meetings and thinks of beautiful ways to help. We know that she loves us and enjoys being with us. We love her, too, and consider her our outstanding Guild friend.

**Baton Rouge, Istrouma:** MRS. R. E. E. JONES, who is now a shut-in. She was our coordinator, attended all of our meetings, and kept us well informed about the work and plans of the Woman's Society.

**Carrollton, New Orleans:** MRS. LUMAN DOUGLAS, our pastor's wife, who comes regularly to our Guild meetings, our study classes, and special activities, too. Her interest and participation in our Guild functions have been an inspiration to our entire group. Because of her, we have all grown closer to the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

**Coffax:** MRS. DOROTHY RACHAL, who was our coordinator this past year. She attended every meeting but one. While having the full responsibility for her own family of three children, she cared for her aged father, and has taken into her home three teen-age children of her widowed sister. Doing all of her own work, she has kept all the children in school and they attend Sunday School every Sunday. Dot directed the Christmas pageant, made many of the costumes, she serves refreshments often, teaches a Sunday School class, and is always helping somebody. We feel that Dot is a wonderful example to those who, when asked to do some little task say, "I just don't have time." Don't you agree with us?

**Coushatta:** MRS. SUDIE MANGHAM, who keeps us in touch with the Woman's Society's projects and activities and plays an important part in the close working relationship between Society and Guild.

**DeRidder:** MRS. MARIE HOOKER, who serves as our coordinator and has been helpful in many ways, both spiritually and in giving us wonderful suggestions. She has been faithful in attending our meetings and reporting to us what is required of us in the way of studies and reports. Our year has been successful and she certainly helped to make it so. Mrs. Hooker is a Christian in everything she does, and is a staunch supporter of and takes an active part in all phases of church work.

**Haynesville:** MRS. CHARLES W. CAMP, Laura, as we know and love her, is now WSCS president but she is a former Guild member and an unfailing supporter of our work. We know we can depend on her when we need help.

**Homer:** MRS. WIDEMAN WATSON, our coordinator, who has been a wonderful friend to us; she attends all our Guild meetings and is ever ready to work with us on any problem we have.

**Jennings:** MRS. ROBERT CRICHLOW, our coordinator, who is a friendly and helpful advisor to the president and other officers. She is so pleasant, always smiling, and is so willing to help. Whatever she does or says is brief and just right. We all love her dearly.

**Julia Reid Unit, Lake Charles:** MRS. O. B. JORDAN, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, who is always ready and willing to help us in any way possible.

**Lake Arthur:** MRS. WINEGART, our pastor's wife and our coordinator for this year. She has devoted the third Tuesday of each month to the Woman's Society and Guild, attending two circle meetings during the day and the Guild at night. She has been most helpful to our Guild by enlightening us on phases of the work with which we were not familiar; she has taught study courses and kept us in close contact with the Woman's Society. She has attended all district meetings. Truly we have been lead through this year successfully by her guidance.

**Mangum, Unit II, Shreveport:** MRS. ACQUILLA LIGON, our wonderful coordinator is our outstanding WSCS friend.

**Mangum, Unit III, Shreveport:** MRS. GEORGIA HOLLINGS, who is president of the Mangum WSCS. Her gracious manner and helpful cooperation with all church groups we deeply appreciate.

**Minden:** MRS. DEBORAH FORD, our coordinator. She works hard to promote the Guild and is at all times most eager to help us in any way she can. During the past two years she has missed only one of the monthly meetings of the Guild.

**Munholland, New Orleans:** MRS. D. W. POOLE, our minister's wife and our coordinator. We have appreciated so much her teaching of our study course.

**Noel Memorial, Shreveport:** She is Conference Promotion Secretary, WSCS. This gracious lady has been a friend of our Guild on countless occasions. Only recently she addressed our group using as her subject, "Ventures in Discipleship." She is wonderfully resourceful at making posters and arranging devotional centers. She has sewed for our service projects and has served at our district meetings. She is a lovable person, so ready to cooperate with Wesleyan Service Guilds. Her name . . . MRS. LEE TIDWELL of First Methodist Church, Shreveport.

**Oak Grove:** MRS. MARCELLA TATUM, our coordinator who works with us faithfully at all times. She keeps us informed and assists in our programs.

**Park Avenue, Shreveport:** MRS. WALTER DANIELS, our faithful coordinator who helps us in so many ways.

**Ponchatoula:** MRS. VERNA COBURN, our coordinator who helped to make our study a great success.

**St. Luke, New Orleans:** We work so closely with our Woman's Society that it would be difficult to point out any one member who helped more than others. Probably the members of the visitation committee, who visited the members of the church and referred the names of possible Guild members to us, contributed the greatest service. However, we would not overlook the inspiration given us by the president, MRS. ALICE ORR, who kept us up to date on all the work of the Woman's Division and supplied moral support when we needed it most. Also to MRS. BILLIE CARGILE and MRS. HAZEL GALLAHER, local and district promotion secretaries, respectively, we express our appreciation.

**Simpson, Lake Charles:** MRS. J. R. MILES, our coordinator, who attend our meetings and is a willing advisor. We love her very much and are happy to have her with us for the coming year.

**Louisiana Conference:** MRS. C. I. JONES, MRS. L. B. KILPATRICK, MRS. JULIA REID PAXTON, MRS. GLEN E. LASKEY, MRS. ELLA DUNBAR, MRS. WIDEMAN WATSON, MRS. J. H. MCSWEEN, MRS. LEE TIDWELL, MRS. GEORGE POWELL and many, many others for the good support they have always given us, and for the many times they have encouraged us to bigger and better things in our work for the Division.



## TEN WAYS TO MAKE A GUILD LIVE

1. Attend every meeting, when possible.
2. Always be on time.
3. Cooperate with the president to the best of your ability.
4. Tithe — and you will have no trouble raising money.
5. If asked to take office, do not refuse.
6. Do not criticize unless you have something constructive to offer.
7. Attend district and conference meetings as often as possible.
8. Make a special effort to get new members, and urge all members to take THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, and GUILD TIMES.
9. Be enthusiastic and anxious for the welfare of the Guild.
10. Never attend a meeting without a prayer for its success.

## ALEXANDRIA GUILDS HOLD DISTRICT MEETING

On Sunday afternoon, March 18, Guild members of the Alexandria District, met at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, for a district meeting. Louise Roberts was in charge of the assembly in the Church Sanctuary.

Following a worship service led by the Pineville Guild, Mrs. George Powell, Conference Secretary of Supply Work, WSCS, outlined the organization of the Woman's Division and explained its relationship with the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Reports were heard from presidents of the Guilds in the district, and after a short intermission, an officer training course was held. The following were leaders of the discussion groups: Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. McSweeney; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Tebow; Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Ruth Cowell; Missionary Education and Service, Miss Arline Tyler; and Spiritual Life, Mrs. Neva Rye.

## GUILD DELEGATES GATHER—

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districts made pledges for the Guilds of their districts for 1956-1957. The service was conducted by Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Conference Promotion Secretary, WSCS. The amounts pledged were: Alexandria District, \$1250.00 Baton Rouge District, \$1650.00 Lafayette District, \$695.00 Lake Charles, \$1750.00 Monroe District, \$2070.00 New Orleans District, \$1460.00 Ruston District, \$650.00 and Shreveport District, \$2240.00.

On Sunday morning, the group gathered for a breakfast, at which time they heard a thought-provoking and deeply spiritual meditation given by Mrs. George Sexton. Following the breakfast, the morning session was held. A highlight of this meeting was a panel discussion lead by Miss Grace Lawson and featuring three Louisiana deaconesses as participants. Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Miss Shelia Nuttall, and Miss Pearlye Maye Kelley presented talks developing the theme, "Helping to Share in the Needs of the World."

As is the custom, the entire group attended eleven o'clock services at the church. An inspiring message was given by the pastor, Dr. D. L. Dykes.

During the business session on Saturday afternoon, two members were elected to offices on the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee. Sybil Y. Farr of Baton Rouge was named conference chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities and Ruby Phillips of Plain Dealing was chosen to head the WSG conference work in missionary education and service.

An invitation to hold the Sixth Annual Spring Meeting in Alexandria in 1957 was extended by Louise Roberts, Alexandria District Secretary, and was accepted on behalf of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild by Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary.

## A SALUTE TO OUR SHREVEPORT GUILDS

Our entire Conference Wesleyan Service Guild owes a debt of gratitude to the Shreveport Guilds for the wonderful way they provided for and entertained our Fifth Annual Spring Meeting in March. Nothing was left undone which would contribute to making the meeting a great success and a most pleasant experience. We enjoyed every minute we were in Shreveport!

We salute you, our good friends, and express to you our sincerest appreciation.

## SPRINGHILL GUILD HOSTESS FOR RUSTON DISTRICT MEETING

On March 26th, Guilds of the Ruston District met at Springhill for a business session and coaching conference. Several district officers were re-elected to serve for the 1956-1958 term. These were Sue Batton, District Secretary; Sue Hefley, Spiritual Life Chairman, and Vera Winfree Colvin, Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. Adele Nugent, who recently moved to Ruston from Shreveport, was Chosen District Chairman of Missionary Education and Service.

It was announced that the Ruston District had twenty-two of its members in attendance at the Annual Spring Meeting in Shreveport, although only nine registered.

Plans were made for an April 12th meeting at First Methodist Church, Homer. Miss Nina Stallings, a retired missionary from the Philippines will be principal speaker.

A new Guild will be organized at the Grace Methodist Church in the near future.

## SHREVEPORT GUILD HAS INTERESTING MEMBERSHIP MAKE-UP

Mrs. Scott Gibson, publicity chairman for Unit I, Mangum Memorial Church, Shreveport, has provided information which proves conclusively that the Wesleyan Service Guild has an appeal for women of all ages. She writes, "Our Guild has twenty-seven members of varying ages ranging from girls just out of college to grandmothers. This unit claims the distinction of having among it members three mother-daughter groups. They are: Mrs. Nettie Lou Kelly, a local welfare worker, and Miss Sybil Kelly, fourth-grade school teacher; Mrs. Opal Robertson, junior high-school dietician, and Miss Ann Robertosn, a beginner in the teaching profession; Mrs. Maggie Waldroup, pediatrician's nurse, and Mrs. Geraldine McDonald, stenographer and guild president.

"The members of Unit I are accomplishing great things through the exuberance of their younger group and the wisdom of the more experienced members."

## LOUISIANA DEACONESSES PRESENT PANEL DISCUSSION

In a panel discussion held on Sunday morning at the fifth annual spring meeting, Guild members heard three deaconesses who are at work in our Conference speak of the joys and satisfactions of their work. Miss Shelia Nuttall who is in charge of St. Tammany Rural work with headquarters in Covington, spoke of the challenge of working with people in rural areas and small towns. Among her greatest rewards, she said, is the pleasure of watching people grow in leadership in all phases of church work.

Director of Wesley Foundation Work at Louisiana Tech, Ruston, Miss Pearlye Maye Kelley told of the joy she experiences in working with young people, listening to their problems, counselling them, and helping them to find in Christ and His tasks the answer to their restless search.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson, in charge of Louisiana Rural work, clarified the meaning of deaconess as a relationship with the church and mentioned the various kinds of services deaconesses render. She stressed the need for many, many more deaconesses to fill the places of need in the Methodist Church.

Miss Grace Lawson, who has just completed her term of office as Conference Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, WSG, was panel leader.



## WE REMEMBER THIS

Receiving the news notes from Guild presidents on outstanding events or meetings for the past year was an interesting and stirring experience for your editor. The enthusiasm expressed and the gratitude shown were indications that we have had an unusually successful year. Indeed, it was evident that some had great difficulty in singling out just one memorable occasion. At the close of the year, it is good to look back to past joys and successes and to say, before going on to a new year and a new quadrennium, "We remember this."

**Winnboro:** Our presentation of a Life Membership to Mrs. F. W. Stodghill, a charter member of our Guild, for loyalty and service. We were also most pleased to have a visit from our Conference Secretary, Minza Rabun, who gave a very interesting account of her missionary tour to Mexico.

**University Church, Lake Charles:** Establishing a memorial to fund to be used, in a way to be decided later, in our new Sanctuary which is now being planned. Our members were glad to have this fund to contribute to as a memorial to their loved ones, both family and friends, at the time of their loss and at other times when they wanted to make a gift "in remembrance."

**Susie Jones Unit, DeRidder:** The presentation of a Life Membership to Mellie Fite, a long-time member of our group who has contributed so greatly to the Guild.

**Simpson, Lake Charles:** Our local church activity of purchasing over one hundred dollars worth of Hymnals for our new Sanctuary. We see that there are flowers in the church every Sunday during the year except June, July, and August when the WSCS takes over.

**St. Luke, New Orleans:** Our constant drive for new members. In this project all of our Guild group are to be commended for their untiring efforts. We have a small Guild but we are proud of every one of our twelve members. We thank God for a successful year.

**Rayne:** The presentation of a Life Membership to Mrs. Paul Lasseigne, Sr., who taught our class the study, "An Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics." We have received spiritual blessings, too, from our prayer meeting for Guild members each Wednesday night.

**Ponchatoula:** Our study in March of "An Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics." Our class was taught by our pastor, Rev. Wilson Watson, with eleven members attending regularly and getting Jurisdiction Recognition. This has been spiritually rewarding to all of us.

**Park Avenue, Shreveport:** Our Christmas program having the theme "Christmas Around the World." A beautiful worship center contributed much to the service.

**Opelousas:** Our sponsoring the Inter-Faith Fellowship Supper in November with Fannie Buch as our speaker.

**Oak Grove:** Our membership drive last September. The Executive Committee met, made plans, and wrote letters to all eligible employed women of our church. We secured new members who have proved faithful workers, and our Guild has been strengthened.

**Munholland:** Our study course on "Indian Americans" with 65% of our members attending.

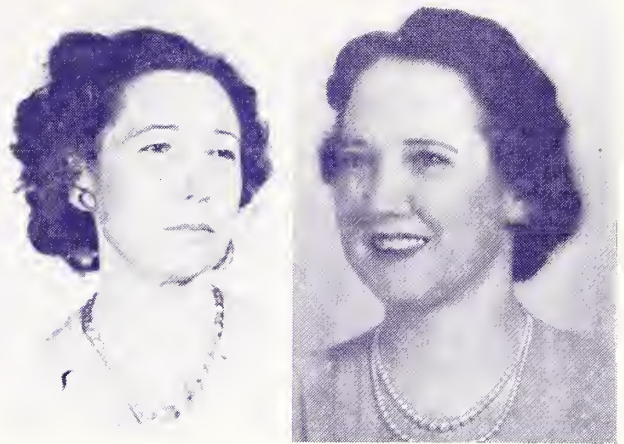
**Morningside, Shreveport:** Sharing with our church membership the opening of our new parsonage in February. Members of the Guild served as hostesses.

**Minden:** Our outstanding monthly programs, excellent attendance, good reporting, and a wonderful working relationship with the Woman's Society. Much local service has been rendered and the budget has been raised.

**Maye Youngblood Guild, DeRidder:** A special meeting with the girls of the Camp Fire group with we sponsor. To witness their remarkable achievements, share their enthusiasms, and sympathize with and encourage them in times of their occasional disappointments makes a most meaningful and spiritually enriching experience for us.

**Many:** The observance of the "Drive for UNICEF" at Halloween time. Our Guild sponsored this event, and Mrs. C. A. Hoagland, our CSR and LCA chairman, was in charge. One hundred thirty-six dollars was given. This we shared with the WSCS as they assisted us in serving refreshments. The party, given for our MYF members when they returned from the drive, was a great success.

**Mangum, Unit III, Shreveport:** Two regular meetings with a perfect attendance record each time. We have enjoyed very much our study courses taught by Mrs. Joe Suggs—Mary Helen to us.



Miss White and Miss Rodgers

**Noel Memorial, Shreveport:** The presentation of Life Memberships on April 18 to two of our steadfast, faithful, and loyal members, Beanie White and Pauline Rodgers. Beanie, who is a bookkeeper, has been the Guild treasurer for more than eight years, and Pauline, a teacher in junior high school, is a charter member and has served in almost every capacity in the years she has been a member. We do truly appreciate the loving service so beautifully rendered by these two members.

**Mangum, Unit II, Shreveport:** The excellent attendance at our meetings, often very close to 100%. Our Guild has enjoyed our splendid Bible teacher, Miss Alma Levins, our own member, who brings interesting lessons for tired minds.

**Lake Arthur:** Our Christmas banquet with the Woman's Society with Mrs. Julia Reid Paxton as speaker. We have had a busy and interesting year.

**Julia Reid Unit, Lake Charles:** All the Guilds of Lake Charles were hostesses on February 27 to the annual dinner of the Interdenominational Fellowship of Church Women. One hundred eighty-six women met in Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church, and were served by our WSCS ladies who did a remarkable job of planning and serving.

**Jennings:** Entertaining the sub-district meeting with Guild members from Lake Charles, Gueydan, and Welsh attending. Lena Sweeney, our district secretary, was in charge of the meeting.

**Homer:** We've enjoyed our guests: Miss Elizabeth Thompson visited us in February and Miss Nina Stallings in April. The Woman's Society was invited to our February meeting and all the Guilds of the Ruston District were asked to come to hear Miss Stallings.

**Gentilly, New Orleans:** Our opportunity to work closely and effectively together in our project, a spaghetti supper in February. It was most successful and all of us enjoyed making the preparations for it.

**Farmerville:** Our Birthday Party after church on January 29. We served birthday cake, coffee, and punch to our guests, the church members. The beautiful cake, decorated in Guild colors, was baked by Mrs. Joe Waller, a member of the WSCS. The Guild was in charge of the evening service; Mildred Baxter gave the history of the Faarmerville Guild; and a candle was lighted for each president we have had since we organized in 1945.

**Doris Branton Guild, First Church, Alexandria:** Our study course on "An Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics" taught by Miss Ann Fox, our educational director. The study was most inspirational, an excellent teacher and an interesting book made it so.

**Coushatta:** Our joint meeting with the Woman's Society of Christian Service with Averil Jordan as our speaker.

**Colfax:** Our privilege of participating in the World Day of Prayer. It meant a lot to us to know that we were joining in this observance with people around the world, and it gave us a new vision of the full power of prayer.

**Carrollton, New Orleans:** Our two Guild studies this year, the mission study and the spiritual life study. Both of these were held jointly with other Guilds of the city. Meeting with other groups has broadened our circle of Guild friends.

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## THE WORLD TO SERVE—

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ganization and we find the emphasis to be on service even as this is a part of the name of our Guild: The Wesleyan SERVICE Guild. In a world such as ours which is filled with great needs, only those who are blinded in their consciences or calloused in their souls could fail to see and respond to the cry of the world's people for help. At home and in far places there are needs. Employed women are in especially strategic position to see and meet many of these needs.

The value of one woman's contribution when she co-operates with others to do an important, challenging task is always impressive. In Union there is strength, and there is great strength in the Guild. When we think of serving others, we think of giving our money. Money is needed, and we who spend ourselves in earning it, can truly give ourselves in giving our money. During the 1954-1955 Guild Year, members gave \$667,553.58 toward the regular appropriations of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. This was an increase of more than \$40,000.00 over the previous year. This amount does not represent the entire giving of Guild women. Money given directly in Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities work is not included.

The Guild serves not only through its gifts of money. Our highest joy comes when one of our members decides to dedicate her life to full-time Christian service.

**GUILD**—This word speaks of fellowship. The close association with women whose interests and purposes are alike creates a wonderful atmosphere which can be felt in Guild groups. It is felt keenest, of course, in the local group where members often have known one another for a lifetime or have come to appreciate fellow members sometimes on very short acquaintance. The bond that draws Guild members together is a strong one, and the feeling of belonging and sharing is evident whenever Guild women meet not only in their local group but also in District, State, Jurisdiction, and National meetings.

The most important reason the Guild means so much to its members is because its program enriches spiritual life, emphasizes missionary education and service, the issues belonging to peace, human rights and Christian citizenship. Surely the Church leaders were led by God to work out this plan, that under His guidance the Church says to us, "The Master calleth for thee."

And how can we refuse to answer His call? It was the Master who has given us our chance. Think of the difference in His attitude toward women and that of the men of His day! Some of Jesus' greatest teachings were given to women, possibly the very greatest and most comforting of which was that spoken to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

Because Jesus lived and taught, women in Christian countries have opportunities and privileges far beyond the imagination of women in unchristian countries. "Because I have been given much, I, too, must give," we say with Grace Noll Crowell. And through the Guild we take our little and present it to Christ. And what does the Master do with it? He blesses it and multiplies it just as He did the loaves and fishes so long ago. "Five loaves and two fishes in human personality and equipment, when placed in his hands and blessed by Him, have been enough, again and again, to meet great and deep human needs. He has always given back what was given to him, enlarged and multiplied. Mothers brought their children, and he took them, and handed them back dearer than ever before, because he had blessed them. Men brought him a Roman coin, and he handed it back, a larger thing, a symbol of man's relationship to God and the state. Some brought him their lives, responding to his call "Follow me," and he handed those lives back, multiplied in power and possibility. Others brought him a cross, and he took it, and handed it back to the world, transformed and enlarged, no longer a thing of shame, but a symbol of God's redeeming love. Whatever we give him he will enlarge for the service of human need."

# The SECRETARY'S Pen

My dear Guild Friends,

From a heart overflowing with love I wish to express appreciation to you for the wonderful way you honored my father's memory at our Spring Meeting in March at Shreveport.

My father was proud of my Wesleyan Service Guild work, probably because he knew how much it meant to me, and probably because he, too, was his brother's keeper in every sense of the word. I know of no one who practiced the Golden Rule more carefully than he, nor who tried so hard to prove himself a Good Samaritan throughout his journey of life. He was missionary minded without ever realizing that he was promoting the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of mankind. He was kind, generous, and possessed an humble and contrite spirit. It was always good to counsel with him.

Thank you for your many expressions of love and encouragement. They have meant so much to me, and I know I shall be a better person for this soul-searching experience.

Lovingly,  
Minza

We send a very special "Thank You" to Elizabeth Lowery of Mansfield for the pictures on page 3.

We hope many of you are planning to attend the Jurisdiction Guild Week End at Mt. Sequoyah at Fayetteville, Arkansas, June 15-17.

Nothing would please Gertie Stiles more than having many of you there. The program sounds very interesting, and you will meet many people who will help you get a broader vision of the total program of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. B. P. Harrison, 1621 College Avenue, Stillwater, Oklahoma, is housing chairman. The room fee for two nights, Friday and Saturday, will be \$2.70 per person. You are required to pay for the two nights. The registration fee will be fifty cents, ground fees, fifty cents, and insurance, thirty-five cents. First come, first served, so get your registrations in early.

## WE REMEMBER THIS—

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**Baton Rouge, First Church:** Our membership drive during which we gained twenty-three new members. We had a wonderful time at the dinner we gave in honor of the new members and our church staff.

**Amite:** Our parish-wide Guild meeting in our church on April 19 with Miss Elizabeth Thompson, our deaconess and rural worker, as the guest speaker.

**Abbeville:** We served forty members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at their annual Good Friday breakfast. We appreciated Miss Dorothy Dunbar's visit for our Guild Month observance.

## NOTES

Remember the amusing pantomime of Edgar Guest's poem, "She Powders Her Nose," that we enjoyed so much at the Fellowship Supper in Shreveport? Dorothy Risley has sent us a copy with directions for its use. We will have some at Guild Week End so you may get a copy. If you'd like a copy before our July meeting, write to GUILD TIMES for one.

We will continue to list our WSCS friends in the next issue. If you haven't sent a name, you may do so now; if you've sent one, you might like to name another friend.

Many of you have given Honorary Memberships during the Guild year, or you will be giving them at the close of the year. Won't you send in the names and types of memberships so that we may put them in GUILD TIMES?

Don't forget to send your lists of new officers to Minza just as soon as you have your election. It is so important that she have them early.

The next issue of GUILD TIMES will be the July issue. However, it must be published in late June in order to get information about Camp Brewer to you in time for you to make reservations. Get your news to us as early in June as possible.

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## Quadrennial Symbol and Goals



**THE CALL:** *To every member of every Woman's Society  
of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild*

1. *To commit herself to the spirit and principles of Christ for the whole world*
2. *To accept responsibility in the total program of the local church*
3. *To interpret the place of the educational institutions of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the world mission of the Church*
4. *To confront the local church with the challenge of recruitment for missionary and deaconess service*
5. *To create a fellowship without barriers in local church and community*
6. *To identify herself with peoples of the world*
7. *To speak and act boldly in Christ's name for justice and peace for all people*

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## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH TO BE STRESSED AT GUILD WEEKEND

On Sunday morning, July 15, at Camp Brewer, there will be a discussion of a most important subject to Guilds throughout the State—Membership. We have long known that a growing membership is a vital factor in strengthening the Wesleyan Service Guild program. Dorothy Dunbar will be discussion leader, and she has asked that we study the points listed below, turning them over carefully in our minds, asking and trying to suggest answers to the question, "How?" after each one. If prayerful thought is given to each point, we can come to the meeting with ideas which will not only make for a most helpful discussion period but which will help us and others to become better prepared to work toward a solution of one of our greatest problems.

### To Increase Membership

1. Discover prospects
2. Record prospects
3. Assign prospects
4. Invite prospects intelligently
5. Welcome new members
6. Keep interest high

### To Increase Attendance

1. Follow up every absence
2. Attack the causes of absence
  - Frequent causes
    - (a) Lack of interesting programs
    - (b) Lack of hospitality
    - (c) Lack of permanent meeting room
    - (d) Any other causes?

"Anything in the Lord's work that needs to be done can be done," is Dorothy's firm belief, and she invites, "Come prepared to ask questions or to present suggestions."

## RUSTON DISTRICT ORGANIZES A NEW GUILD

Miss Sue Batton, Guild secretary of the Ruston District, reports the organization of a new Guild at Grace Church, Ruston. Eighteen members have their names on the charter roll. Very active in the organization of the Guild was Mrs. Adele Nugent who moved from Shreveport to Ruston in recent months and joined Grace Church. Finding that there was no Guild, she began immediately to work with the pastor and other leaders of the church and with District Guild officers to begin a Wesleyan Service Guild unit. Not only has Adele worked in her local church, but she has become a district officer, having been chosen to serve as chairman of Missionary Education and Service. This is true Guild spirit, and Christian action that is a worthy pattern for all of us to follow.

In a recent letter, Miss Batton says, "We have had a good year in the Ruston District. The fellowship has been wonderful, and we have been inspired to reach for higher goals. This year we have had more Guilds receiving Jurisdiction Recognition for their studies than ever before. We are planning to be well represented at Camp Brewer."

## SPECIAL INVITATION EXTENDED TO COORDINATORS TO ATTEND GUILD WEEKEND

This year our coordinators will be honored guests at Camp Brewer, and special recognition will be given to Guilds who bring their coordinators with them. Be sure to invite and urge your best-friend-member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to Guild Weekend. We think that she will enjoy the experience thoroughly, and we know that all of us will profit by having our coordinators with us.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT MEETS AT UNIVERSITY CHURCH

A meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Lake Charles district was held at University Methodist Church in Lake Charles on May 20th with Mrs. E. D. Sweeney presiding. At this meeting, Mrs. Sweeney was re-elected district secretary and Miss Grace Lawson was named chairman of Christian Social Relations. These two members, with Mrs. B. B. Rowland, chairman of Missionary Education and Service, and Mrs. Ray Cooley, chairman of Spiritual Life Enrichment, are the elected Guild members on the District Committee. "We are proud of our officers and appreciate the leadership and service they are rendering our Lord and the Guild," writes Helen Adams.

The Rev. Mr. Crichlow, pastor of the Church in Jennings, was the inspirational speaker. Meditation was led by Mrs. Ray Cooley, and Miss Marcia Feldes sang "The Lord's Prayer."

A fellowship hour concluded the meeting. Mrs. Bessie Gibson presided at the punch bowl assisted by Mrs. Flo Morrison, Mrs. Fannie Sweeney and Miss Inez McCall of the hostess Guild. About seventy-five members were present from the Guilds in DeQuincy, DeRidder, Gueydan, Jennings, Lake Charles, and Welsh.

## SPECIAL PLANS FOR MORNING WATCH AT CAMP BREWER

In order to have an experience of sharing with others some favorite devotional or meditation material, Guild members are asked to bring to Guild Weekend one or more copies of poems, hymns, meditations, prayers, or a combination of these. Helen Adams, our Conference Guild Chairman of Spiritual Life, asks that we bring this material to the outdoor chapel on Saturday morning, July 14, at 7:00 A.M. so that we may exchange with someone else. It should be something short enough so that it may be read in less than ten minutes in order that each person may have time for prayer and to think about what she has read. If all of us enter into this, it will be a most meaningful "watch."

## CAMP CHOIR TO SING AT GUILD WEEKEND

Music has always had an important place in deepening religious experience. In order that we may have leadership in singing and that we may enjoy special music during Guild Weekend, a choir will be organized at Camp Brewer. Each one who attends is invited to volunteer for the choir. This is a splendid opportunity to render real service. As soon as possible after you have arrived at Camp Brewer, please walk right up to Helen Adams and offer yourself for this happy and helpful way to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."



# GUILD WEEKEND—JULY 13, 14, and 15, 1956

THEME: LEST WE MISS THY KINGDOM'S GOAL

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

### Friday, July 13

No program planned—bring your own supper.

### Saturday, July 14

#### Morning

- 6:00—Rising Bell  
 6:30—Coffee in dining hall  
 7:00—Morning Watch  
 7:30—Breakfast  
 8:00—Registration (Dining hall porch)—Miss Dorothy Patterson  
 9:30—12:00—Hobbies  
 10:00-10:45—Missionary Education .... Mrs. Ruby Phillips  
 Christian Social Relations .... Miss Sue Batton  
 Spiritual Life ..... Miss Helen Adams  
 11:00-12:00—Clinics  
 Presidents and Vice  
 Presidents ..... Miss Arlene Tyler  
 Promotion Secretaries, Treasurers,  
 and Coordinators ..... Mrs. Ruth Guthrie  
 12:30—Lunch

#### Afternoon

- 2:00—Convening of Guild Weekend .. Mrs. Minza Rabun  
 Meditation  
 Announcements  
 Introduction of Conference Officers  
 Speech—Miss Virginia Bobbitt, Winner of Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation Speech Contest on "The Truth about Beer"  
 Song—Rise Up, O Men of God  
 Presentation of Approved Studies, 1956-1957  
 Mrs. Ruby Phillips, presiding

#### Evening

- 6:00—Supper  
 7:00—Talk, Mr. Mike Willis  
 8:00—Fellowship—Shreveport District  
 9:00—Commitment Service  
 9:30—Executive Committee Meeting (Dining hall)  
**Sunday, July 15**

#### Morning

- 6:00—Rising Bell  
 6:20—Coffee in dining hall  
 6:45—Quiet walk to Vesper Point for Communion Service  
 7:30—Quiet Breakfast  
 8:30—Discussion Period on Membership—Miss Dorothy Dunbar  
 9:30—Coffee Time  
 9:45—Business meeting  
 11:00—Morning Worship—Theme: Lest We Miss Thy Kingdom's Goal — Mr. Mike Willis  
 12:15—Dinner

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Mail registration sheet included with this paper

before July 5, 1956 to  
 Miss Dorothy Patterson  
 608 13th Street  
 Alexandria, Louisiana

**WHEN?** Friday, July 13, through Sunday, July 15. Camp will be open Friday night for early arrivals. Bring your own Friday night supper. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a. m. Saturday.

**WHERE?** Camp Brewer, near Forest Hill, Louisiana, Highway 165, south of Alexandria.

**WHO?** All Wesleyan Service Guild Members and prospective members. Women's Society members are invited to attend. Guild members are urged to bring their own Coordinators.

**WHAT?** A time apart dedicated to things of the spirit. A season for conducting the Father's business that has been assigned to the Wesleyan Service Guild. A chance for fellowship and fun.

**WHAT TO BRING?** Sheets for single bed, pillow and case, towels, bathing suit, fan, etc.

**COST?** \$5.50 is the total cost for one person for the full Weekend. Fees will be paid on arrival. For those who attend part of the time, the cost will be less. Insurance fee is included in the above amount.

Saturday breakfast .....	\$ .50
Saturday lunch .....	.75
Saturday supper .....	.75
Sunday breakfast .....	.50
Sunday dinner .....	1.00
Registration and insurance .....	1.00
Ground fee per day .....	.50

**REGISTRATION:** Mail registration early. July 5 is deadline. Don't delay.

**INSURANCE:** Insurance fee is included in the cost of registration and will cover you from the time you leave home until you return. It will cover accidents and illness.

## SOMETHING HAS BEEN ADDED— A TELEPHONE AT CAMP BREWER

We are very glad to announce that a telephone has been installed at Camp Brewer. The number is: Alexandria—Pilgrim 8-3496.



Guild Weekend, 1955



## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT MEETING HELD AT COVINGTON

Guild members of the New Orleans district met in Covington on May 20 for their annual spring meeting. Prior to their meeting, they enjoyed wonderful fellowship and fine food as they participated in the Sunday School picnic which took place that day.

Miss Sheila Nuthall, rural worker for St. Tammany Parish, was guest speaker, and in a most inspiring talk, she presented the Quadrennial Goals and Emphases for 1956-1960.

An officer training period was held.

Miss Margaret McGowan, district secretary, announced that two new Guilds had been organized in the district, St. Mark's and Second Methodist. Miss McGowan also stressed the importance of making plans for Guild Weekend. She said that a bus will go from New Orleans to provide transportation for Guild members in Slidell and Covington as well as for those in the city.

During the fellowship hour, pictures were made of the group, and members of the hostess Guild served punch and cake.

## JULIA REID GUILD UNIT HAS INSTALLATION AND PLEDGE SERVICE

On Monday, May 28, Mrs. Julia Reid Paxton served as installing officer for the Guild of which she was a charter member and which is named for her. Delia Gaunt, president of the Julia Reid Unit of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, writes that all members of the Guild, except two, were present for the impressive installation service. It was followed by the pledge service conducted by Ella Trousdale, treasurer.

"We closed our year with a very good report," writes Delia. "We feel that we have grown spiritually."

## NEWS FROM THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

**MUNHOLLAND:** We have had a good year, all items in our budget were met, and we gave two Life Memberships—one to Mrs. Looby, who is district Spiritual Life Chairman. A plan has been adopted by our Guild to honor each out-going president by making her the recipient of a Life Membership. We expect to have four or five of our members at Camp Brewer for Guild Weekend.

**FIRST METHODIST:** At our regular May meeting, our Guild had a dinner to which we invited our district secretary, Miss Margaret McGowan, and the members of the new Guilds in our district, St. Mark's and Second Methodist. After the pledge service, Miss McGowan explained the purposes and work of the Guild. As a result of our recent study course, "Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics," we have organized a prayer group. We meet once a month in the homes of the members.

**RAYNE MEMORIAL:** We closed with a good report for the year—seeing it on paper, it looked pretty good! We gave offerings to St. Mark's, to the Bethlehem Center in Cincinnati, to Aldersgate, and to a few others. We sent in all our pledge and the offerings that had been placed in the budget at the beginning of the year. We are hoping to enlarge our program this new year and to do more in Christian Social Relations as well as other phases of our Guild work.

**CARROLLTON AVENUE:** Our Guild closed the year with all obligations paid, having given over \$500.00 to Missions. A Life Membership was presented to the out-going president, Mrs. Grace Reidenauer, in special recognition for her faithful service as the leader of our group for the past two years. On Sunday, May 20, the officers of both the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild were installed in a special ceremony during the regular Sunday evening worship service. Five of our members are planning to attend Guild Weekend in July.

## MONROE DISTRICT HOLDS TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING AT BASTROP

Sixty-five members representing nine out of eleven Guilds of the Monroe district gathered at the Methodist parsonage in Bastrop on Sunday morning, April 29, for registration for their twelfth annual meeting. As the guests arrived, coffee was served. The group attended church services. The Guild members were given a special welcome by the pastor, Rev. R. H. Staples, who outlined for the congregation the purposes of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Dinner was served by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and during the noon meal the District Guild Committee was introduced by Miss Nan Floyd, president of the Bastrop Guild. Reports were given by Guild presidents of local units, and the hostess Guild presented a skit from *The Methodist Woman*, "The Dr. I. Q. Quiz Program."

The afternoon session was convened at one-thirty in the Church Sanctuary. Mrs. Sam Cathy, WSCS District Secretary of Spiritual Life, gave the opening prayer. Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, district Guild secretary, introduced the theme of the meeting, "Lest We Miss Thy Kingdom's Goal."

Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Louisiana Rural Worker, spoke on "The Needs to Meet the Kingdom's Goals." She emphasized the call for trained workers that is being heard from many places, and pointed out that Wesleyan Service Guild members are trained people who could answer the call.

Accompanying Miss Thompson to Bastrop was Miss Hazel Cooper, Head Resident of Business Girls' Inn, Shreveport. Miss Cooper made a brief talk on her work which was of particular interest to the group since Residence Halls have been designated as a special interest of the Guild for the 1956-1960 Quadrennium.

During the business session, Mrs. Guthrie was re-elected to the office of District Secretary. Others chosen to serve with her for the next two years were Mrs. T. Calhoun of Oak Grove, chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, and Mrs. E. James of Lake Providence, committee member at large from the Woman's Society. Other outstanding business was the starting of a fund to pay the expense of a district delegate to National Assembly. Each Guild in the district voted to give three dollars a year to this fund. A love offering was given by the district to be used in Louisiana rural work. It was announced that District Retreat will be held in October at Chemin-a-haute State Park.

Mrs. J. B. Thompson, district chairman of Spiritual Life, presented Mrs. John Kilpatrick who gave the closing meditation. Using the beautiful poem "The Chambered Nautalis" by Oliver Wendell Holmes to introduce her talk. Mrs. Kilpatrick developed the theme, "Build Thee More Stately Mansions, O My Soul, Lest I Miss the Kingdom's Goal."

An invitation to hold the 1957 meeting in Columbia was accepted.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS PRESENTED BY BATON ROUGE GUILD

Four members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, were honored at the May meeting by being chosen to receive Life Memberships. They were Miss Mathilde Eckert, Mrs. Janie Pratt, Mrs. E. M. Kyle, and Miss Eunice Chandler. Guild Emblem Pins were given to the outgoing president, Miss Gertrude Fridge, and to the coordinator, Mrs. J. E. Lawton. Three Baby Memberships were given, one to Steven Herman Davis, grand-nephew of Lillian Kennedy, one to Mary Kate Farr, granddaughter of Mrs. Sybil Farr, and one to Charles Dennis Longacre, grandson of Mrs. Kate Keene.

Rev. Robert Ed Taylor installed the new officers using the candlelight installation ceremony of the Wesleyan Service Guild. This was followed by a pledge service conducted by the Spiritual Life chairman, Mrs. Marguerite Pierce.

A fellowship hour followed the service.



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Hello:

So many things are coming to my office that I know of no better way to present them to you except as they come to me. We have completed a great quadrennium and are entering another with changes in many areas and with different goals and emphases.

From Miss Lillian Johnson's office comes the following:

1. **By-Laws:** We shall ask for a few minor changes in order to simplify and clarify one or two points. There are a few editorial changes that need to be made.
2. **Handbook:** In order to get the new Special Interests into the Handbook, there will be a revision, with a different colored cover, as soon after September as possible.
3. **New Materials:** During the year there will be a new leaflet to be used in promoting Guild membership. There will also be a booklet with supplementary resource material, and information which cannot be contained in a revision of the Handbook.
4. **Report Blanks:** We had compiled the suggestions for report blanks that had come into the office, and had made tentative report blanks to present to the standing committee for study. They approved them, after making some excellent suggestions of their own. The reports will be in the books for the local secretary of promotion and the treasurer, but they will be for two year periods rather than four. The district, conference, and jurisdiction reports will not be in book form.
5. **Plans:** We worked a great deal on goals and plans for the new quadrennium. You will hear more about this later.
6. **Coaching Conference:** It was decided to continue the Coaching Conference Plan. The material we have been using will be available for those who need to have this kind of training period. There will also be suggestions on program building for those who do not need to do the basic officer training. **Please do not send for this material.** Your district secretary will have the necessary materials for you.
7. **Special Interests:** They are to be in the following areas:

Foreign: Public Health and Nursing Education  
Socio-Evangelistic Work  
Home: Residence Halls  
Educational Institutions

The Wesleyan Service Guild Standing Committee is endeavoring to guide the Wesleyan Service Guild units toward undesignated giving. As steps toward this, the Wesleyan Service Guild has changed the term "Guild Projects" to "Special Interests" and has chosen areas of work rather than missionaries or deaconesses as Special Interests. This is being done as part of a concerted effort toward disassociating the Special Interests from the financial program of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and with an aim toward educating the Wesleyan Service Guild members toward the realization that they are contributing toward the *total work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service* rather than to a few *selected projects*.

In order to allow time to make adjustments in Guild units through the educational process, the Committee on Missionary Projects was of the opinion that the Guild Report Blank should continue to allow space for designated giving, but that the instruction sheet should carry this statement:

"Pledge to Missions under appropriations may be designated to one of the Special Interests of the Wesleyan Service Guild, or it may be marked, 'Special Interests of the Wesleyan Service Guild,' if the unit wishes to designate toward all of them.

"However, it is better to send gifts for *Pledge to Missions* undesignated for whatever is given over and above the amounts allocated by the Woman's Division of Christian Service to specific projects goes toward the appropriations of the total work."

## LAUDINE SMITH NAMED PRESIDENT OF B AND PW CLUB

Miss Laudine Smith, who has served as president of the Guild at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, was named State President of the Business and Professional Women's Club at the annual meeting of the group held recently in New Orleans.

Our sincerest congratulations go to Laudine on this great honor. We rejoice that her training in Christian leadership has made her especially well prepared to assume the responsibility for guiding this fine organization.

## THIRD ANNUAL SPRING MEETING OF LAFAYETTE DISTRICT HELD AT ABBEVILLE

On Sunday afternoon, May 27, Guilds of the Lafayette District met in the Sanctuary of the Abbeville Methodist Church for their third annual spring meeting. Marilyn Carter, district secretary, presided. Following the welcome spoken for the hostess Guild by Mrs. Mae Nunez, special music was presented by Mr. Bill King.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Lillian Kennedy who used as her theme, "Realizing God's Kingdom Through Missions."

Local unit reports were given by Guild presidents; the District Secretary outlined achievements for the past year; and Mrs. D. C. Lasseigne of Rayne, District Treasurer, made a brief talk on the fine progress which has been made in the two short years that the Lafayette District has been organized.

During the business session, Miss Carter was re-elected district secretary for 1956-1958. Other officers of the Lafayette District are: Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mabel Fowler of New Iberia; chairman, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Hazel Golson of Opelousas; chairman, Missionary Education, Mrs. John Nunez of Abbeville; and chairman, Spiritual Life, Miss Dorothy Dunbar of Opelousas.

The group accepted an invitation extended by Mrs. Hazel Golson to hold the 1957 meeting in Opelousas.

Following the meeting, members of the Abbeville Guild were hostesses at a delightful fellowship hour.

The program for Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer is shaping up nicely under the capable guidance of Miss Margaret McGowan and her fine committee. Remember these dates—July 13, 14, 15, 1956. You will find more information in this issue of Guild Times.

The Conference School of Missions at Centenary, at Shreveport, La., is another wonderful opportunity for Christian women and particularly Guild people. August 13-17, 1956, is the date. The dormitories and cafeteria are air-conditioned and the food is wonderful. You will study under many of the same teachers from Mt. Sequoyah, and will be working with our newly elected chairman of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Plain Dealing, La. Plan your vacation time around these dates.

Many of you are having your annual Spring Meetings, and how I wish I could attend all of them. They are always so challenging, and you get to know the individual members so much better, but since I can't I will just say "Blessings on you, and may you continue to grow."

Don't you like the new membership plan? Each seven members will be responsible for one new member. Have you tried it? Might be a good way to get better acquainted with your own membership. Wouldn't it be fun working with six other Guilders to find, interest and be responsible for another member?

My! how time does fly when I am visiting with you. Must get this in the mail to Lillian or there just might not be a "Secretary's Pen" in this issue. You have done some mighty good work this year, and your fourth quarter's report makes me doubly proud of all of you. God bless you one and all.

Lovingly,

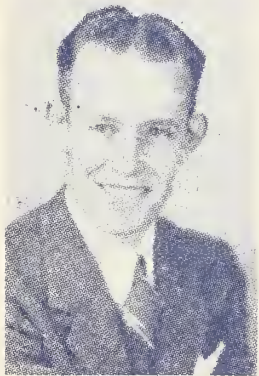
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Your conference secretary



## ALDRSGATE CAMP DIRECTOR TO BE SPEAKER FOR GUILD WEEKEND

Mr. Mike Willis, who directs Aldersgate Camp near Little Rock, Arkansas, will be a special guest of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild for its Annual Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer.



Mr. Mike Willis

Aldersgate Camp, a special interest of the Guild during the past quadrennium, is dedicated to the training of Christian leaders of all races. Here, in a setting of natural beauty, people of all ages and races come for conferences, workshops, institutes, retreats, laboratory training for fellowship teams and youth camp programs.

To its director, as well as to those who are responsible for its existence, Aldersgate Camp represents a conviction that one of the best ways for the church to train Christian leaders is through its camping program.

The camp, comprising 120 acres, and having accommodations for 100 people is located four and one-half miles west of Little Rock. It is supported by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, and operated by the Little Rock Methodist Council, an organization of Negro and White Methodist Churches in Little Rock and vicinity. Aldersgate Camp was established mainly because there were no facilities in the area where Negro church groups could hold camps for the training of Christian workers. A constant program of training goes on during June, July, and August. All the buildings are now winterized, making possible the year round use of the camp.

We look forward to having Mr. Willis and his family as our guests at Camp Brewer and to learning more about his work in Christian leadership training.

## GUILD AT BOGALUSA REVIEWS PAST YEAR

Reports from the Wesleyan Service Guild at Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church in Bogalusa indicate that the members have had a busy and profitable year. An outstanding event was the meeting of the District Coaching Conference in February for which they were hostesses. Shortly afterward, the group celebrated its eleventh birthday with an Anniversary Tea. This was held in the recreational rooms of the Education Building. Mrs. C. E. Lane, a charter member, gave a brief history of the Guild. Past Presidents and Past Coordinators as well as those presently serving in these offices, were given recognition and a red rose was presented to each one. Special guests at the tea were prospective members and members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The Guild has recently completed its study of the course, "An Introduction to the Five Spiritual Classics."

On June 3rd, the officers of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service were installed by Mrs. C. L. Jones. Guild officers for 1956-1957 include Mrs. Hiram Wesley, president, and Mrs. W. H. Giles, coordinator.

The presentation of the two Life Memberships was made at the installation service. These were given to Miss Christelle Knight and Mrs. Charles Traylor.

"Average attendance at our regular meetings is now eighteen and nineteen members," writes Christelle. "We're looking forward to a good year ahead!"

How easy it is to forget that the things of the spirit are so much more powerful than material things.—Selected

Faith in God gives the ability to find God's plans.  
—Rev. W. R. Newhall

## INSTALLATION SERVICE HELD BY LAKE CHARLES GUILD

Miss Dorothy Dunbar of Opelousas honored the members of the Guild unit at the First Methodist Church in Lake Charles which bears her name by installing their officers on May 24th. These officers were installed:

Miss Mary Minta Moore, President  
Mrs. Charles R. Byrd, Vice President  
Mrs. W. B. Baucum, Recording Secretary  
Miss Helen Adams, Promotion Secretary  
Mrs. Ed Richardson, Treasurer

The meeting also included a pledge service.

Members and guests enjoyed a social hour at which time they had an opportunity to visit with Miss Dunbar.

To conclude the evening, Miss Moore, with other newly elected officers and committee chairmen, met with Miss Dunbar to evaluate the achievements of the past year and to plan for the coming year.

## BROADMOOR GUILD LAUNCHES 1956-1957 PROGRAM

On June 6th, the Broadmoor Guild, Shreveport, held its first meeting for the new year at the home of Mrs. Rance Bickham. Guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Hilda Barnes.

Officers for 1956-1957 are: president, Mrs. Mary MacCash; vice-president, Mrs. Meta Rust; secretary, Mrs. Marion Carter; treasurer, Mrs. Mabel Reilly; promotion secretary, Miss Delia Bartoff; chairman, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Reba Kelly; membership chairman, Miss Given Post; friendship chairman, Miss Leta Mae Benson; and coordinator, Mrs. G. M. Anderson.

"I think we have a wonderful Guild here at Broadmoor Methodist Church," says Miss Benson in a recent letter. "In the last few years we have almost doubled our membership."

## SPECIAL INTERESTS, 1956-1960

In discussing Special Interests for the new quadrennium, Miss Lillian A. Johnson, National Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, gives the following information:

"The Wesleyan Service Guild emphasizes certain projects as Special Interests in order to personalize the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. At each annual meeting the standing committee spends time discussing these Special Interests, but it is generally understood that if there are to be changes, they are made at the beginning of the quadrennium.

"It is very difficult to make changes, for we look upon these 'Special Interests' as old and dear friends. However, Guild members should be given the opportunity to make new friends. This next quadrennium, we plan to introduce to you some very new friends in the foreign field, since some of the Special Interests are selected from the newest work of the Woman's Division.

"On the home field we are to focus our attention particularly on educational institutions and residence halls for young women. We shall study all of the resident halls with the exception of those which are conference projects. In the educational institutions, we have included schools serving various age groups and with varying types of program.

"Plans for choosing these Special Interests were made in close cooperation with the staff of the Home and Foreign Departments of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. We are very appreciative of their assistance.

"Our 1952-1956 Special Interests will continue until September. We shall not forget the wonderful experience we have had during the past years with our missionaries and deaconesses and the institutions they serve. Now that we know them better we are surely more eager than ever to give them our support by way of prayer, service, and gifts. We should be happy in the realization that our financial support goes to the total work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, so that basically we never 'drop' one of our former Special Interests."

In subsequent issues of GUILD TIMES we shall list our Special Interests for the 1956-1960 Quadrennium.



## QUADRENNIAL GOALS—1956-1960

We have just begun a new quadrennium! We have used in this issue of GUILD TIMES the symbol and complete statement of goals so that every member of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the Louisiana Conference might have an opportunity to know them well from the very beginning. Some of you have already seen them and perhaps studied them as they have appeared in the May and June issues of THE METHODIST WOMAN. Here is the presentation of the program as given in the June issue of that publication:

"During the next four years the symbol, theme, and goals will become increasingly familiar to the women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild in this country and in various other lands.

"The symbol shows the figure of Christ with arms outstretched to the world—in invitation, compassion, benediction. The sheaves of wheat are a familiar Christian symbol for that fullness of the life taught, lived, and shared by Jesus Christ.

"The theme — THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST — FOR ALL OF LIFE — is self-explanatory and at the same time limitless. It is a goal toward which to strive even while we recognize that it will always lie beyond our powers of human attainment.

"THE CALL which comes to every woman of every Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild is voiced through seven goals; and under each goal are a limited number of interpretative suggestions. These suggestions are by no means all-inclusive. In every Society and Guild there will undoubtedly be many points to be added, in amplifying and applying the goals. Also, it will be noted that these goals are not the individual responsibility of any one line of work; together, all may work toward the fulfilling of each one. The work needs to be integrated for the greater enrichment of all.

"Further, they are expressed as goals for each individual woman; for only as we seek to attain the ideal as individuals, can the group move forward. A redeemed society cannot exist apart from the human personalities within it.

"These seven are general long-range goals upon which as Christian women we fix our eyes. They are not intended to serve as a check-sheet for our progress, except in the broadest terms. More specific check-sheets will be suggested for this practical purpose. But for these four years we shall together "press toward the mark," as we attempt to answer the Call."

## THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST — FOR ALL OF LIFE

### The Call: To every member of every Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild—

1. To COMMIT HERSELF TO THE SPIRIT AND PRINCIPLES OF CHRIST FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

By

Studying to know the spirit and principles of Christ  
Seeking personally to obtain the spirit of Christ.  
Practicing the principles of Christ in everyday living.  
Communicating to others the joy of discovering Christ.

2. To ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY IN THE TOTAL PROGRAM OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

By

Attending church services regularly.  
Giving time, talent, and support systematically and thoughtfully.  
Sharing in church and community programs for all age groups.  
Helping train youth and students for Christian responsibility.

3. To INTERPRET THE PLACE OF THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

By

Making known the objectives of these educational institutions.  
Showing how they are related to the world mission of the church.

4. To CONFRONT THE LOCAL CHURCH WITH THE CHALLENGE OF RECRUITMENT FOR MISSIONARY AND DEACONESS SERVICE

By

Cooperating through every channel of missionary education.  
Alerting young people to the needs of the world.

Creating an awareness of the diversity of opportunities in missionary service.

5. To CREATE A FELLOWSHIP WITHOUT BARRIERS IN LOCAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

By

Practicing the principles in the Charter of Racial Policies of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.  
Welcoming into worship and service all who seek to follow Christ.  
Urging persons of all cultures and races into the fellowship and activities of the church.

6. To IDENTIFY HERSELF WITH PEOPLES OF THE WORLD

By

Becoming acquainted with the missionary program.  
Evaluating her own personal relationships with others.  
Cultivating opportunities to learn from people of all races and cultures.  
Losing herself in the joy, sorrow, needs, and achievements of others.  
Giving of self, time, and possessions for others.

7. To SPEAK AND ACT BOLDLY IN CHRIST'S NAME FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE FOR ALL PEOPLE

By

Standing with courage and strength for the principles of Christ.  
Studying to understand the meaning of justice and peace for all.  
Practicing peace and justice in daily attitudes.  
Supporting the United Nations in its program for justice and peace.

## 1956 SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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AUGUST 13 - 17, 1956

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Guide: Adult Guide to Mission Field: U. S. A., By Dr. Willis Lamott

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Guide: Adult Guide to Southeast Asia by Doris Denison

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## WANTED—EARLY ISSUES OF GUILD TIMES

Do you have extra copies of any issues of Volume I or Volume II of GUILD TIMES? Some of our Guild members are trying to complete their files of the paper and would appreciate so much having copies of early issues. If you have any to share, please bring them to Guild Weekend or mail them to your editor.

## WOMAN'S SOCIETY AND GUILD HONORED BY UNIVERSITY CHURCH,

University Methodist Church in Lake Charles set aside its Sunday evening, May 27th, service as a time to honor its Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild members and to recognize their important leadership, contributions and service to the church and to missions. The entire service was conducted by members of these groups. Miss Helen Adams, using as her theme, "Be Ye Steadfast," was the platform speaker. Miss Adams also served as the installing officer and conducted an impressive candle light service at which time officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild were installed.

## CAN YOU DO THIS?

Do you like to paint, to do embroidery, to work in plastic foam, or wood, or clay, or cardboard. Wouldn't it be interesting to make an enlarged replica of the symbol for the new quadrennium in some art form? Perhaps you'll make one for your Guild, or one to give as a gift to your Woman's Society. Maybe you'd like to keep it in your own room as a daily reminder of the call to great Christian living during 1956-1960.

If you make such a replica, will you bring it to Camp Brewer and share it with others for our Guild Weekend? In this way you'll be helping others to find ways of making the new symbol better known.

## FINANCIAL REPORT ON GUILD TIMES, 1955-1956

The following report is submitted so that all Guild members may know exactly how GUILD TIMES is financed and exactly what it costs. You have heard appeals so often to support our Guild publication, but despite such urgings, only 370 people subscribed last year. Of these approximately 350 were Guild members. We have in our Louisiana Conference approximately 1800 members.

You will notice in the receipt column of the report that two hundred dollars was budgeted by the Conference for GUILD TIMES. It has been our hope that our publication could become self-supporting, and that it would not be necessary to draw on this fund. Our report shows how far we missed that goal last year.

GUILD TIMES is sent to many people who do not subscribe. Its purpose will be entirely lost if its information does not reach Guild presidents and promotion secretaries, so these officers receive the paper whether they subscribe or not. An all-out effort was made to send the May issue to every Guild member in the State. An invitation to subscribe was included. As we go to press (June 12) one hundred sixty subscriptions have been received.

The purpose of this report is only to inform our Guild. We believe that people can act intelligently only if they have information. There is no intent to strike a pessimistic note or to hint discouragement. Such is far from the truth. In fact, we know that GUILD TIMES is still very much alive.

### Receipts

Received from Dorothy Dunbar .....	\$123.72
(Left from 1954-1955 Account)	
370 paid subscriptions at \$1.00 each ....	370.00
Received from Mrs. J. H. McSween,	
Conference Treasurer .....	200.00

\$693.72 \$693.72

### Expenditures\*

July issue of GUILD TIMES .....	\$145.50
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May issue .....	187.88

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\*NOTE: Cost of printing, envelopes, and postage





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## THE INCOMPARABLE CHRIST



### CHRIST—

He put on humanity that we might  
put on Divinity.

He became the Son of Man that we  
might become the sons of God.

He came down from Heaven, where  
Rivers never freeze,  
Winds never blow,  
Frosts never chill the air,  
Flowers never fade,  
Sickness and death never come.

He was born contrary to laws of nature,  
Lived in poverty,  
Reared in obscurity,  
Had no wealth,  
Had no influence,  
Had no education.

He startled a king in infancy,  
Puzzled the doctors in boyhood,  
Ruled the course of nature in manhood,  
Healed the multitudes without medicine,  
Made no charge for His services.

He never wrote a book,  
Yet not all the libraries in the country  
could hold the books that could  
be written about Him.

He never wrote a song,  
Yet He has furnished the theme of  
more songs than all writers combined.

He never founded a college,  
Yet all the schools together cannot  
boast of as many students as he has.

He never practiced medicine,  
Yet He has healed more broken  
bodies than the doctors, and more  
broken hearts.

He never marshalled an army,  
Nor drafted a soldier,  
Nor fired a gun,  
But He had more volunteers than  
any other leader.

He is the Star of Astronomy,  
Rock of geology,  
Lion and lamb of zoology,  
Harmonizer of all discords,  
Healer of all diseases.

Great men have come and gone,  
Yet he lives on.  
Herod couldn't kill Him,  
Satan could not seduce Him,  
Death could not destroy Him.

He laid aside His purple robe  
for a peasant's gown.

He was rich, yet he became poor for  
us.

He slept in another man's manger,  
He cruised in another man's boat,  
He rode on another man's donkey,  
He was buried in another man's tomb.  
All failed. But He did NOT.

He is the Lily of the valley,  
He is the Bright and Morning Star,  
He is the ever Perfect ONE,  
He is the Chief among ten thousand.  
He is altogether lovely—

THIS INCOMPARABLE CHRIST!

—Author Unknown.

## GO, TEACH

Ever so often we hear it said that we humans use only a relatively small fraction of our potential brain power, that we are capable of far more and better thinking than we do. This seems a tragic condition in these critical times, for if ever the world needed the benefit of wise leadership and a clear-thinking "followership" it is now. Christian women of the Methodist church can make a two-fold attack upon this problem. First each one must approach it as an individual problem, resolving that she at least will make every effort to stretch her own mental and spiritual horizons, that she at least will do some honest thinking which will be of a quality that cannot be labeled "just reshuffling old prejudices." Choosing her own area of interest, and learning more and more about it by reading and by discussing it with others can be as exciting and rewarding as an ocean voyage or an African safari.

The second approach can be through Guild group effort, and the avenue of attack can be the program—a stimulating and thought-provoking one for each and every meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Have you ever thought of just how important your program at each Guild meeting is? On its success depends the life of the Guild unit! For if you are interested in deepening the spiritual life of your group, if you want the members to

become more missionary minded, if your aim is to promote giving to missions, or if your purpose is to increase membership and to provide warm Christian fellowship among Guild women, then the program is the most important factor in moving your group toward the realization of these worthy purposes.

Guilds can and must give more attention to program building if we would challenge our members to seek to have the mind of the Master and to achieve the high calling to possess "The Spirit of Christ for All of Life."

Why have a program? This question, surprisingly enough, is asked now and then. And some groups answer, "Why, indeed! We're really too tired to make the effort to present or listen to a program. Our group will emphasize fellowship and have lots of conversation and plenty of refreshments. We really won't need a program!" And for such groups, Guild work deteriorates to the level of a "pink tea"; a most sacred responsibility is side-stepped, and a blessed privilege to participate as a fellow-worker with God is lost.

The Master gave us a clear, emphatic command, "Go, teach!" And the Guild's teaching mission to its own mem-

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## CONFERENCE OFFICERS MEET FOR COACHING SESSION

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild met at Ed Mary's Motor Courts, Alexandria, for a two-day coaching session, September 8-9. The duties of all officers were studied; those still in effect were reviewed and information concerning changes was emphasized. Since this is the beginning of a new Quadrennium, the major purpose of the meeting was to make provision for informing local Guild officers of changed requirements and procedures.

A new member of the Conference Guild Committee was welcomed, Mrs. C. B. McGowan of Baton Rouge. Mrs. McGowan is Conference Secretary of Supply Work, WSCS.

Attending the meeting were: Minza Rabun, Conference Guild Secretary; WSCS Conference officers: Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Supply Work; Mrs. Wideman Watson, Literature and Publications; and Mrs. J. H. McSween, Treasurer; Guild District Secretaries: Sue Batton, Ruston; Arline Tyler, Shreveport; Marilyn Carter, Lafayette; Louise Roberts, Alexandria; Mary Lucille Napier, Baton Rouge; Margaret McGowan, New Orleans; and Lena Sweeney, Lake Charles; Guild Conference Chairmen: Ruby Phillips, missionary education and service; Helen Adams, spiritual life; Dorothy Dunbar, membership; Jenibe Westbrook, secretary; and Lillian Kennedy, publicity.

## BASTROP GUILD ENTERTAINS WOMAN SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

On Monday evening, September 17, the Bastrop Wesleyan Service Guild entertained the members of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service at the church. After a brief business session, the program committee presented an inspiring program. Following the organ prelude by Erla Spier, Mrs. Derril Forman sang as a solo the Theme Song for the 1956-1960 Quadrennium. Minza Rabun introduced the Quadrennial Goals, using the meditation written by Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, President of the Woman's Division. Each of the seven goals was lifted on a placard as it was called, challenging every member of the Woman's Society and Guild.

The worship center was the Quadrennial Emblem, Christ with outstretched arms walking over the world. This stood on a table covered in red velvet with lighted candles on either side.

After the program a reception was held in the church parlor. The table held a punch service at one end. On the opposite end the Program Theme for 1956-1957 was artistically arranged. The colorful map of South East Asia was the center of attraction. At the top of the map, the program booklets for the year, **THE ISLANDS AWAIT HIS WORD**, were placed with an arrow pointing from them to the words, "Hear ye!" On the church steps were inscribed a miniature church filled with women. The arrow carried the words, "Go ye!"

A period of fellowship was enjoyed by all present.

O thou Great Chief, light a candle in my heart that I may see what is therein and sweep the rubbish from thy dwelling place.

African Child's Prayer

## A REPORT FROM THE CAMP BREWER DEEP WELL PROJECT

At Guild Week-End last July, the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild voted to raise funds to provide a greatly needed deep well for Camp Brewer. Miss Eva Jones was asked to assume the responsibility for receiving contributions, and she graciously accepted the task. Here is her progress report to you.

204 Ware Street  
Pineville, Louisiana

Dear Guild friends,

I am glad to report that the money is still coming in for the Camp Brewer deep well fund. As of today (September 26) we have received \$241.00. Most of this amount has come from Guilds, forty-two units having contributed the suggested five dollars each. However, we have received thirty-one dollars from other interested individuals and groups. Three Sunday School classes have sent gifts; one Guild sent an offering as a memorial to members who had died.

I was very much pleased to receive two checks from a Guild with this explanatory note, "One check is from a WSCS member who attended Guild Week-End with us. She was so impressed with the need for this project that she wanted to have a part in providing the well for Camp Brewer." This note reflects the interest and enthusiasm so many have expressed for the project.

Having a small part to do for the Guild has made me very happy, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

With gratitude and best wishes to all the Guilds, I am

Sincerely,  
Eva Jones

## JANUARY IS GUILD MONTH

Now is the time to make plans for the observance of Guild Month. January is only two months away and busy, busy times are just ahead. It is possible that we might become so involved with Thanksgiving and Christmas that January will be upon us and will slip away before we get plans laid for a proper observance of this special month. So NOW is the time to plan.

Among suggestions that have proved helpful are those listed below. You will not use them all; perhaps you can add others.

1. Make every effort to acquaint people with the purposes and program of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Publicity in the church bulletin and the local newspaper might be a means of attracting new members.
2. Designate one Sunday in January as Guild Sunday in your church. Have your Guild attend church as a group. Ask the choir to sing the Guild Hymn as an anthem, perhaps the hymn can be printed in the bulletin or on a separate sheet to be inserted in the bulletin. If a separate sheet is used, you might also include the Guild emblem, the purpose of the Guild and a special invitation to employed women to become members.
3. Recognize charter members at the January meeting.
4. Plan a joint meeting of the Woman's Society and Guild.
5. Ask members to wear emblem pins or life membership pins on every possible occasion during January.

To me every hour of the day and night is an unspeakably perfect miracle.

Walt Whitman

Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle. But you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder . . . at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.

Phillips Brooks

Whoever puts a beautiful thought into the world gives more than a diamond of Golconda.

Proverb of India



# Marion Lela Norris Describes Her Stay in Japan

It is an unusual privilege to have direct word from our Wesleyan Service Guild Founder, Miss Marion Lela Norris, concerning her experiences in Japan. Recently she wrote to Minza, enclosing a general letter which is of such great interest to all of us. Feeling that her own personal letter should be shared with the Louisiana Conference Guilds, Minza sent it, too, for inclusion in GUILD TIMES.

Tokyo, July 31, 1956

Dear Minza Rabun,

For a long time I have been intending to write you a very appreciative note and thank you for all you are doing in and through the GUILD as widened by the GUILD TIMES you have so kindly sent me. But I have been kept busy, and now I don't seem to have your address with me so am sending care of your editor.

I was surprised to see how you had featured the founder of the Guild in your 15th anniversary issue, but hope it did good. Thank you.

I shall never forget when I met you at Gulfside and your great contribution to our Guild Weekend. It was indeed a privilege to know you then and to continue to keep in touch with you.

I enclose a copy of my general letter. There is such great need for more missionaries; it is my prayer and hope that the Guild may inspire more to go into missionary work—both full time and as three-year service. Then there is now another possibility—for professional women to take a year or more, sometimes at their own expense, and contribute in some special field to meet a need. Example, Alice Beesley of Kansas, as written up in THE METHODIST WOMAN a year ago.

God bless you and all your conference officers and members in the fine work they are doing.

Please give my greetings to your Guilds.

With love and appreciation,  
Marion Lela Norris

Kwassui Junior College  
Nagasaki, Japan  
July, 1956

Dear Friends:

When Miss Peckham went to Immigration with me last March to secure an extension of my visit in Japan so that I could complete this term of teaching, before signing my passport the official made her promise that I would leave Japan this August. Consequently, I sail the first of August from Kobe (Sangola cargo ship, R&O Line) with Clara Otis and Mildred Anne Paine who has a short furlough. We stop a couple of days at Hong Kong, Singapore (where we see Helen Loomis), Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta. Then we fly to Delhi, motor to Agra to see the Taj Mahal, fly to Karachi, Beirut, Jerusalem, Cairo, Rome, with two days in each, and travel by bus and train in Italy and Switzerland. As Clara and Mildred Anne are in a hurry to get home, they sail September 18 on the Mauretania, but I shall remain longer as this is my first and only trip to Europe. I wish to see my nephew and family in Brussels, visit England, and spend a few weeks on the Island of Guernsey where my Mother's Father, a Frenchman, was born and grew up, and see some of his relatives.

It is impossible to give you much idea of what my two years in Japan have meant to me. As you know I came for one year, but the second has made the first far more meaningful. My privileges as a "foreigner" have been unique, and I shall be forever grateful to all (both foreigners and Japanese) who have made my stay so vital. First, I mention the two missionary projects: *Ai Kei Gakuen*, in Tokyo, is under the direction of Mildred Anne Paine who has been a Guild missionary for over twenty-five years. It was at her invitation that I came to Japan. Though I have followed the work from the beginning through letters and reports, I had no conception of the marvelous work being accomplished by this devoted Christian and her Japanese staff. Last year, due largely to her vision, stimulation and leadership, a beautiful church was erected about a mile from the Social Center giving a church home to all in the Center as well as the growing

church membership, and its gleaming white steeple, cross and chimes (provided by a Guild at home) rise like a Cathedral above the surrounding slums. A missionary has been added to the staff who will assist Mildred Anne's able Japanese co-worker during her furlough. A former missionary, visiting there not long ago, says this whole section has been improved through the Center. Here I spent vacations.

*Kwassui Junior College*, the oldest college for women in Japan, established in 1879, is located on a high hill overlooking Nagasaki Bay which is very similar to, and about one-third the size of, Hong Kong, said to be one of the most beautiful harbors in the world. On the campus are graceful huge camphor trees, the seeds for which were planted by the founder, Miss Elizabeth Russell. After the war which had sadly divided staff and students between loyalty to Japan and to the Christian College, Miss Caroline S. Peckham was invited to be president. With her long experience in Japan, mostly at Kwassui, this dedicated Christian woman did a superhuman task in welding into one the creative forces of staff, students and alumnae. No where else have I seen the love and devotion to an Alma Mater evidenced as in the 6,000 and more alumnae of Kwassui who, through their local clubs (for Japanese women have little money) hold bazaars to earn money to supplement the immense Annual Kwassui Bazaar held on a holiday, November 3, patronized by citizens all over Nagasaki and towns nearby. Their contributions have long provided special projects for the School such as the recent first unit of a new dormitory at the High School. The P.T.A. likewise does a wonderful job and enlists men and women of influence and leadership in the city. They built the High School Gymnasium, equipped the science laboratories, bought pianos for practice, and are now landscaping the new High School Campus across the city and putting in necessary roads.

In addition to these normally anticipated church contracts, I have been unusually privileged to meet a wide variety of people through conversational English teaching. While Japanese are taught to read English in their schools, little attention is given to ordinary conversation, so doctors and engineers who use English regularly in their work are at a loss to "hear" and speak English, and are especially anxious to learn ordinary English conversation before going to U. S. A. or Europe. So I have worked with engineers and a metallurgist in the Mitsubishi Ship Building Works—Nagasaki is now the largest ship-building city in the world. Doctors include heart and cancer specialists, pharmacologist, nutritionist, anatomist, embryologist, pathologist, cytologist, histologist, and ophthalmologist—most of them professors in Nagasaki University Medical College. Customs officials, I worked with ten to twenty in three different classes three times a week. And at the other end of the scale, four little boys who knew no English, a high school girl, likewise, and the wife of the Japanese representative of Dodge, and a hotel manager. Some of the men have already gone to America and Europe. One doctor has returned, enthusiastic about his research abroad.

Everywhere, the Japanese have been most kind, understanding and helpful to this foreigner. Not attempting to learn Japanese, I have found all tradesmen and the occasional seat-passenger on bus, trolley, and train, very willing and usually able to help me out of unforeseen language difficulty. I have come to appreciate the great difficulty of the Japanese in trying to make a change from the native religion which is deeply bound into the family tradition and culture, to Christianity, but I have come to realize that, though many do not become baptized Christians, the influence of the teachings of Jesus affects the daily life and living of scores of Japanese, and reminds me of the words of Jesus, "Who is not against me. . ."

Thank you for your many letters and gifts of thought, mind and heart which have helped me greatly in my work here. I leave Japan and her people with warm affection, and even regret that I shall not be here again, and pray that God may richly bless the people here, and all the friends at home who are helping to bring the Christian Way of Life to the Orient.

Very sincerely,  
Marion Lela Norris



## WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS

"The purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to provide a channel through which gainfully employed women can achieve spiritual enrichment and Christian fellowship and take an active part in developing a world Christian community." Thus we have three major aims: personal spiritual enrichment, group Christian fellowship, and united effort to further God's kingdom in the world. Look again at the third aim, and consider ways of achieving it. Study and prayer are important ways of working toward this goal, but we must never forget that our financial gifts ("just plain old money" as someone has said) are equally as important. Giving can be as deep a devotional experience as prayer, and we can be as devoutly worshipping God as we place our gift in the offering plate as when we kneel at the Communion rail. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Guild members are challenged to give generously to the great Cause of the Kingdom, and each group has a sacred responsibility to handle these gifts wisely, efficiently, and effectively with the full knowledge that such stewardship of funds is expected of "workers together with God."

The person whose responsibility is greatest in this area is the Guild treasurer, and too often the one elected to this office has great difficulty in getting detailed information about her particular task. She sometimes "flounders around" and develops an uncomfortable feeling of inadequacy before she gets a few scraps of information that make it possible for her to "limp along" with her work. Oftentimes this uncertainty and the seeming difficulty of getting answers to her questions cause her to refuse point blank to take another term in the office. Instead, she gives up her office with great relief, glad to be free of her weight of responsibility.

This should never happen, because there are sources of information which are easy to tap. Every treasurer should have the *Handbook of Finance* given to her as soon as she is elected to office, and she should also have the benefit of the experience of the treasurer who precedes her. She should know, too, that she can consult with the treasurer of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service, with the District Guild Secretary, with the District Treasurer, and, if necessary, with the Conference Guild Secretary, the Conference Treasurer, and the National Treasurer. She should know the names and addresses of these friends and allies.

As great as the responsibility of the treasurer is, it is not hers alone. Standing with her to help her with the task is the finance committee of her own Guild. This committee is made up of the president, the promotion secretary, the chairman of Missionary Education and service, the chairman of Christian social relations, and the chairman of local church activities. The treasurer is the chairman of the finance committee. One of the major jobs of the finance committee is to make and present the budget.

Budget making is a "must" for every Guild no matter how small. A budget represents a thoughtful consideration of the obligations and opportunities of the Guild, and provides a pattern of action for the treasurer. Once a budget is approved by the Guild, the treasurer has a clear cut outline of how to proceed with disbursing funds. This makes her task far easier and gives her a feeling of security as she does her work.

"How do you make a budget?" This question is often asked by those just starting out in Guild work and by those, too, who have been trying to get along for some time on their own—those who have not yet discovered that there is much printed information to help them. It's a question that deserves an answer. Methodist women who undertake leadership in the Guild and Society are heard to say often and earnestly, "I want to do a good job! I want to do this right!"

A budget should be divided into three parts:

1. Pledge to Missions
2. Cultivation (District and Local)
3. Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities

Of vital importance is the item *pledge to missions*. Although there are no hard and fast rules governing the part of the Guild's total giving which should be put into the pledge, it is generally recommended that at least 60% of the total budget should be allotted to pledge to missions.

This money goes into the fund which supports the total missionary program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. A particular interest in one or two mission projects or local church projects should never influence a Guild to neglect its obligation to help to further the whole missionary effort around the world. For this is the cause that has called our organization into being, and to this task we are committed.

*Cultivation*—does this bring to mind the tilling of the soil, the encouraging of plants to grow? The word has a related meaning in our Guild work, and the items budgeted under this term are funds to be spent in an effort to make the Guild grow. Thus expenses for literature, the program materials, the Guild handbook, the handbook for chairmen of the various lines of work are placed under *cultivation*, as are funds to provide expenses for a delegate to Spring Meeting or the School of Missions. Listed here, too, are fees for renting a film for a program meeting or travel expenses for a guest speaker. The cost of postage and stationery for keeping in touch with members is a *cultivation* item. All of these are expenditures for local cultivation, and the money for them is spent directly by the Guild. We are asked to contribute to district cultivation—a suggested 25c per member each year—and this money is sent to the local WSCS treasurer along with our pledge to missions. Any funds spent to encourage growth in the local, district, or conference Guild should be considered cultivation expense.

Perhaps more items could be listed under *Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities* than under either of the other two categories. It is in this third part of the budget which Guilds will differ most widely, since there will be reflected here the interests of local churches and communities which bring varying needs and challenges to the attention of local Guilds. It is possible to list a very few items which might be expected in all budgets. A Christian Social Relations item is the alcohol education fund to which most Guilds contribute; funds for placing flowers in the church (if they must be purchased) is a Local Church Activity expense. If the Guild helps a needy family, sends a Church School pupil to camp, or contributes to the deep well project at Camp Brewer, then the expense will belong as an item in this third category. A general rule—it does not hold in every instance—is that funds which are spent directly by a local Guild and not channelled through the treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are items under Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. However, it must be pointed out that local cultivation funds are spent directly, too, and that gifts for the alcohol education fund are sent to the Women's Society of Christian Service treasurer.

Questions concerning what funds should be sent to the WSCS treasurer and what funds should be spent by the Guild itself should be asked and asked until a satisfactory answer is forthcoming. There are answers. Be persistent. You will get them!

What about supply work? Should funds for supply giving be budgeted? There is divided opinion on this point. Supply giving has been called "second mile giving" over and above all other funds pledged. It has been said that such funds provide "butter for the bread" "frosting on the cake" since such gifts make it possible for missionaries to provide for many needs and to supply additional services that cannot be cared for out of general funds. Some Guilds do not budget funds for supplies, but rather provide opportunities for members to contribute "love gifts" to supply work. Other Guilds have a budgeted amount for supplies, since they feel that such funds should be definitely planned and not left to uncertainties.

After the budget has been prepared by the Budget Committee, it should be presented to the Guild for approval. Following Guild approval, the budget should then be presented to the Woman's Society of Christian Service for inclusion in their budget. Since the Guild treasurer is a member of the executive committee of the WSCS, plans for the presentation could be made at an executive committee meeting. Each quarter, the Guild treasurer (or her designated representative) gives her report at the meeting of the executive committee of the WSCS.

One further word concerning the work of the treas-

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# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Hello:

Isn't fall wonderful? Now that summer is over and behind I know you are turning your thoughts and energies toward the fall and winter program. I hope that the Wesleyan Service Guild is taking its rightful place in your calendar of activities.

These are such wonderful days. We have finished a glorious quadrennium of united endeavors "To Make The Kingdom of God Realized", and now we have as our goal "The Spirit of Christ for All of Life." What could be more challenging to Guild women? Are you ready to meet that challenge and witness for the Christ in every part of your daily program—whatever it may be? I know you are, and I am expecting great things of you.

With each quadrennium there are a few changes in procedure. You, who are Secretaries of Promotion and Treasurers, will please note that your dates for reporting have all been changed. We are trying something new, and if you are a wee bit confused don't be alarmed because I am too. I keep telling myself, "You have a report to get ready, what are you waiting for," and then I remember—no more quarterly reports, just period reports for the Secretaries of Promotion, and of course quarterly reports for the treasurers. I know that it will not seem too awkward after the first one or two have been made. I feel confident you will like the new plan better. The dates for your treasurers reports are the 16th rather than the 25th as printed in your books, if you have not changed them accordingly, please do so.

There is much enthusiasm over the new approved studies, and small wonder, with Ruby Phillips, our newly elected secretary of Missionary Education and Service, so wide awake and full of ideas and plans for increasing and reporting your studies. Please plan to study for Jurisdiction Recognition, and if you feel you just can't meet the requirements — then write Ruby\* for an Efficiency blank and try for that. Then as you learn it isn't so difficult, you won't be afraid to work for your Jurisdiction Recognition. We had 49 studies last year, and Ruby and I are hoping that we will more than double that this year. That would only mean one JR study from each Guild unit in the conference. Some of our districts are having Missionary Seminars, and those I have had the pleasure of attending were very fine, and show much study and prayer on the part of the leaders. It is our hope that as time goes on each district will feel and know the need of the Seminars for promoting the approved studies.

We have finally gotten our Supply Askings for this quadrennium, and I am listing them as follows:

**Special Interest Home Cash Supply:** Alpine Community Center, Alpine, Texas, and the asking is for \$500.00. (This replaces Louisiana Rural Work.) There are some supply askings for you who like to pack boxes. They are: kindergarten materials and sewing equipment. Also needed is new playground equipment (a merry-go-round, volley balls, nets, etc.), and equipment for the auditorium (chairs, curtains, scenery, etc.). An appeal is made, too, for good used clothing for children up to twelve years of age. You cannot receive cash credit for used clothing, but you can report the number of pieces sent, and the postage used in sending your packages. *Be very sure you get a shipping blank from your Supply Secretary* of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service before sending boxes. This procedure may seem a little strange at first, but I feel sure you will want to direct your Cash for Supply correctly so that your district treasurer will not have any difficulty in identifying the place and the type of work we are supporting.

**Special Interest Foreign Cash Supply:** Public Health, Madar Union Sanatorium, Ajmer, India, and the asking is \$600.00. (This cash supply replaces Public Health and Nursing at Vicarabad, Hyderabad, India.) There are no askings for materials for this piece of work.

Follow your calendar of activities in the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, and if you did not get a copy

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Mrs. C. I. Jones, our Conference president, shares with us some of her rich experiences of the past summer, and calls attention to the tremendous challenges of the new Quadrennium.

New Orleans, Louisiana  
September 29, 1956

Dear Guild friends,

How happy I was to be one of the more than four hundred women attending the Wesleyan Service Guild South Central Jurisdiction Week-end, at Mt. Sequoyah, in June.

Again — I loved being with you Guilders for your Week-end in July at Camp Brewer.

I am glad to report that during the Louisiana Conference School of Missions held at Centenary College, Shreveport, the WSG Clinic was well attended and many came to the program and reception honoring Guild members.

The new Quadrennial theme is challenging: "The Spirit of Christ for All of Life." We are called to personally commit our lives to the spirit and principles of Christ for the whole world. What a heaven we, of the Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds can be in this world community in which we find ourselves.

May we live in an attitude of humble gratitude to God for calling us to His high service. May we devotedly carry on our daily routines of work, while dreaming dreams of a more effective Christian witness through committing ourselves to the spirit of Christ for every area of our lives.

My love to each of you,

Ruth Jones

## SPECIAL INTERESTS FOR SUPPLY WORK DESIGNATED

Guild members throughout Louisiana have looked forward to the announcement concerning the special interests which our Conference guilds would be asked to support with cash for supply funds during the new Quadrennium. You will find the information in Minza's letter on this page. In directing supply funds, be sure to name these two projects on your treasurer's reports!

for your Guild please let me know and we shall try to find one for you.

October is the birthday of our sister group, and if you have not invited the members of the Women's Society for a joint meeting this would be a very good time to do so. Have you presented your Quadrennial Goals, and displayed your Goals Chart? If you have not, please do this as quickly as you can, and give some time and thought to them for several meetings until they become a part of the thinking of every Guild member.

Have you won that new member yet, or have you regained an inactive one? We are still putting membership as our *number one goal*. Not just for numbers but because we have something to offer employed women of our church. Have you seen and used the material Dorothy Dunbar compiled on Membership which was used at the Guild Week-end in July? I understand there are some flip charts available that can be used with this material.

Are you promoting Guild Times? We need all of you subscribing and supporting this wonderful little paper that is doing so much to promote the Guild work in our conference.

Let me help you with your problems, and allow me to share in your achievements. I am interested in each of you as Guild members, and in your particular unit, as an important part of the whole.

Lovingly,  
Minza, your Conference Secretary

\* Her address is: Mrs. Ruby Phillips, Plain Dealing, La.



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bers is achieved through the program which presents information, provides inspiration, and suggests action to carry out Christian principles and purposes.

The program is only a means to an end, but an essential means when we consider that through it can be promoted spiritual and intellectual growth, a knowledge and awareness of the needs of the community, the church, and the world, a vision of Christian principles in operation, a challenge to participation in the life and work of the church, and an understanding of the great work to which Methodist women are called and for which the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild were organized.

Here are some guiding principles which can help us in this work:

1. *Planning and building a program should be done by a group—never by a single individual working alone.* The vice-president is chairman of the program committee, it is true, but hers is a leadership role, and her main task is to bring many individuals into the work of planning, preparing, and presenting programs.

2. *Programs should begin where people are in their interests, needs, and abilities.* A program committee will think of the Guild members as they plan the program. If the group is a new Guild, the material will be presented in a very different way than if the members have more background to build on.

3. *Programs should provide opportunity for maximum participation both in numbers of people and varieties and kinds of skills and abilities needed.* A varied program is more interesting than one that requires a single voice and one type of presentation. Then, too, the talents of many people can be used in making the room ready, providing decorations, preparing a worship center, choosing music, reading Scriptures or devotional poetry, making or supplying needed maps or charts, securing and projecting films, presenting factual material, or leading a discussion.

4. *Programs should provide for interplay of minds in free exchange of thoughts and ideas.* In order to learn one must participate in the learning experience. A program that is followed by lively discussion of the subject with a good percentage of those present entering in can be counted a great success for there is an excellent chance that the members will remember material they themselves have thought about and have discussed.

5. *Program content should be related to and contribute to the purposes and objectives of the Wesleyan Service Guild.* Thus a program on flower arranging or on hobbies, no matter how interesting, could not be considered suitable for a Guild meeting. There is, however, a wealth of materials eminently suitable, worthy, and valuable, and the most important of them is the worship and program books provided for us by the Woman's Division of Christian Service and shared with us by women throughout the world.

6. *Familiarity with various program methods and devices is essential, and those chosen will be appropriate both to the subject matter to be presented and to the group for whom the program is prepared.* All parts of the program—musical setting, worship, presentation, and plans for action—should be unified. Much is being written in the field of adult education which can be helpful to Guild leaders. Ask the librarian in your community for books on working with adults, particularly in the area of program planning. There is real joy in planning a unified program in which all parts contribute to the central idea. This takes creative thought and effort, but the results can be most satisfying and worth every bit of the time spent.

The points in italics above were principles outlined by Mrs. Harold Soulen in a workshop on program building at Mount Sequoyah several summers ago. Mrs. Soulen, whom we had the privilege of hearing at our Spring Meeting last March, closed her discussion by giving three characteristics which will mark a good program:

1. It will be beautiful enough to haunt the memory.
2. It will be convincing because the spiritual and intellectual facts presented will eliminate prejudices from the hearts and minds of the group.
3. It will be dynamic and action will result from it.

## FOURTH ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND HELD BY SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

The fourth annual Wesleyan Service Guild Week-End of the Shreveport District was held at Camp Caney on September 22-23. The theme of the meeting was "Lest We Miss Thy Kingdom's Goal." Registration began at noon on Saturday and the formal convening of the Week-End took place at two o'clock with Arline Tyler, District Secretary, presiding.

The devotional meditation was given by Rachel Rogers of Plain Dealing. Mrs. Wideman Watson, of Homer, Conference secretary of literature and publications, WSCS, acquainted the group with the wealth of materials which are available to help in Guild work, and Mrs. B. F. Patterson, District President, WSCS, discussed the challenges which should be met in the area of Status of Women.

Clinic leaders were: president and vice-president, Minza Rabun, Conference secretary, WSG; promotion secretary, Mrs. W. C. McDonald, District secretary of promotion, WSCS; treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Eubank, District treasurer; missionary education, Rubv Phillips, Conference chairman of missionary education, WSG; Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Conference secretary, CSR, WSCS; and spiritual life, Mrs. Paul Anderson.

Vesper services were led by Mary Guidry, and following supper there was a "sing-a-song" directed by Mrs. Anderson. Special music was given by Mrs. Mildred Morris. The evening's talk on "World Missions" was presented by Mrs. Claude Cochran, District director of adult work. Board of Education, Shreveport. The day closed with a fellowship period conducted by Dorothy Risley.

Sunday's program included a morning watch led by Emma Pattillo of Haughton, and the presentation of the approved studies for 1956-1957. The District secretary of missionary education, WSG, Ila Volentine, presided, as the following studies were outlined: Southeast Asia, Ruth Abney; Mission Field, U.S.A., Alma Levins; Paul's Letters to Local Churches, Juanita Oliver; and Youth in a Responsible Society—A Christian's Concern, Addie Clair Ensminger.

During the eleven o'clock worship hour, the morning message was brought by the Shreveport District Superintendent, Dr. B. C. Taylor.

A total of seventy-two attended the meeting with fourteen of the twenty units having members present. Representation was as follows: Broadmoor, 4; Haughton, 2; Unit I, Mangum, 8; Unit II, Mangum, 5; Mansfield, 9; Manv. 1; Morningside, 1; Park Avenue, 5; Summer Grove, 1; Wynn Memorial, 4; Unit I, First Church, 1; Unit II, First Church, 8; Plain Dealing, 4; Noel, 9; and guests, 10.

A love offering of forty dollars was given to Cash Supplv. undesignated.

The wonderful experience of the group and valuable insights into the purposes of Guild Week-End that were gained were best reflected in the following quotations from the evaluation sheets filled in by those present:

"Well planned and organized."

"Since this is the first Guild Week-End that I have attended in two years, I notice a decided growth in many ways: A more positive attitude toward the work of the Guild; more in attendance; many new faces; best of all—a decided spiritual increase among all."

"The singing made me want to shout—it brought a revival spirit."

"The message on 'World Missions' was such a penetrating, stirring message that we can never be the same."

"The tie to the local church, by the presence of the District Superintendent and his message, was strengthened."

"The entire Week-End has been wonderful!"

These are high standards to reach, but in the effort to attain them some of that brain power we have been neglecting will be put to good use.

A little boy was asked what he wanted most of all. "I want to live all my life," he replied. There is profound wisdom here, and a worthy goal for each of us. We want our Guilds to live all of their lives, too, and the vitamins which will stimulate and enliven them are challenging and inspiring programs.

Best of all, when we put the effort, time, and love into building and presenting such programs, we can know that we are obeying the Master's command, "Go, teach!"



## NEWS FROM THE GUILDS

Of great interest to all of us are the plans and activities of Guilds throughout the Conference. We sincerely appreciate the notes and letters sent to GUILD TIMES to be shared with our members and friends at home and far away. Keep sending your news!

Ruth Guthrie tells us of Monroe District plans: The Monroe District Wesleyan Service Guild will hold a retreat in Chemin-a-haut State Park October 13-14. Mrs. D. C. Metcalf of West Monroe, member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, will be spiritual life leader. The retreat will be closed with a communion service. The program is under the leadership of Mrs. J. B. Thompson of Rayville. Mrs. Thompson is the Guild's district spiritual life secretary.

"Mrs. A. Miller, missionary education secretary of the Monroe District WSG will conduct a tour for the district to Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, Arkansas, on October 27-28. While at camp, we will explore the Mission Studies for 1956-1957."

From Minden comes news of the Ruston District shared with us by Sue Batton: "On September 23, the Ruston District held its annual coaching conference and retreat at the Methodist Camp at Caney Lake. Fifty-three were present. The meeting convened at two thirty in the afternoon, and following a six o'clock dinner, the meeting was closed with a candle light service and commitment to the Quadrennial Theme and Goals.

"Our Guilds are very busy outlining their first study courses. We are pleased that we have gained some new members."

Arline Tyler, district secretary, shares with us the goals accepted by the Shreveport Guilds: "Increase in membership (local Units and new Units); every member active in some special interest or committee; every Unit observing Week of Prayer (program and offering); every Unit using program materials, operating on financial budget, and having executive committee meetings; increased understanding of relationship to and with the Woman's Society of Christian Service; every Unit participating in district and Conference activities; in missionary education, two studies for Jurisdiction Recognition and four other studies presented in some manner; observance of WSCS Birthday in October and Guild Month in January; meet all financial obligations; report accurately and promptly; and personal commitment to Christian vocations."

Plans of the Lake Charles Guilds are told by Mary Minta Moore: "Both units of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church in Lake Charles—the Julia Reid Unit and the Dorothy Dunbar Unit—actively participate in the Interdenominational Dinner which is held in that city each year during the month of February. This program-supper has been jointly sponsored for a number of years by the employed women's organizations of the various churches. Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths are all represented. The program is always built around the theme of "Brotherhood." The churches rotate in preparing and serving the meal."

It's good to hear of Guild growth. Clyde Dowden writes: "The Guild at the University Church, Baton Rouge, is growing so fast that it was decided to hold future monthly meetings at the Wesley Foundation. Our living rooms were getting a little too snug, and we need room for expansion, we're glad to say.

"On Tuesday, October 30, we will climax our Week of Prayer with a 'Quiet Hour' program in the chapel of the Wesley Foundation. Margaret Lilly will lead the devotional, with Gwen Thomas and Carolyn Jackson assisting with the musical portion of the program."

Evelyn S. Traylor tells of the activities of a Guild just one year old: "The Denham Springs First Methodist Church Wesleyan Service Guild was organized in September, 1955 with 13 charter members. There are now 17 members on roll.

"During the past year the Guild has completed the study of the six Great Religions, completing one each month. The regular meeting was held October 1 in the home of Mrs. Fred Schwendimann with ten members present. After the business meeting, Mrs. L. W. Rainey gave a very interesting talk on the 'Imitation of Christ.'"

From Lafayette, we learn of a change in officers, "Miss Marie Pace has had to resign as president of the Guild in

Lafayette since she is returning to work for the Social Security Administration in Alexandria, Louisiana. She has been employed in the office in Lafayette for the last six years. Her new address will be 18 Louisiana Avenue, Alexandria.

"Miss Hermine Tate, 142 Clark Court, Lafayette, was chosen to serve as president; Mrs. Vincent Prejean, Vice-president; Miss Mamie Nolan, secretary; Mrs. T. F. Wilbanks, treasurer; Miss Vivian Jester, secretary of promotion; Miss Marjorie Holloway, spiritual life; Miss Helen Sullivan, missionary education; Mrs. George Rohland, Christian social relations and local church activities; Mrs. Jean Gilmore, supply work, and Mrs. George H. Thomas, co-ordinator.

"We have planned the program for the year and will meet in the homes of our members. We are joining the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Week of Prayer."

Inez Richardson of the Franklinton Guild outlines her group's plans: "This quarter we have three projects: To co-sponsor the John Hammond Organ Recital, to have a rummage sale, and to complete our missionary study. During the first quarter we co-sponsored a musical concert given by James Poole of New Orleans."

Serving as reporter for the Bogalusa Wesleyan Service Guild, Christelle Knight writes: "Our biggest local project right now is the concerted membership drive we are planning. We have made a survey of Methodist working women in our Church and find some forty or fifty who ought to be in the Guild, not just from a standpoint of increasing numbers for our Guild, but for what they actually could get from the Guild and also contribute to the Guild.

"On October 9 we begin our study on 'Mission Field, U.S.A.' For the first time we were able this year to send our Missionary Education Chairman, Sara Wadsworth, to the School of Missions in Shreveport held last August. Sara has been so enthusiastic about the things she learned, that we are sure 'Mission Field, U.S.A.' will be one of our very best studies.

"This summer we had one of our meetings at Mrs. Wesley's camp just a few miles out of town. We had a potluck supper with plenty of good food, then we had our program and business meeting. Someone remarked that we working girls knew how to cook in a hurry, or else we knew how to manage to get somebody else to do some mighty good cooking. Be that as it may, it was pleasant to get out in the quiet, down by the river.

"We are pleased that practically all of our Guild members have subscribed to GUILD TIMES. We feel it will stimulate a lot of interest for the new readers as well as the old ones. It surely helps us to keep abreast of Guild happenings."

Velma Dewees White reports for the Homer Guild: "We had a very good representation at the Guild Coaching Conference held in Minden at the Methodist Camp at Caney Lake on Sunday, September 23 under the very capable leadership of Miss Sue Batton, District Secretary. We were very proud to have one of our members, Ola Allen, to lead one of the discussion groups. Ola was leader of the group which studied the work of the spiritual life secretary and the ways of handling this most important part of Guild work.

"Our Guild gave one of the lamps in our new parlor in the Educational Building. This fall, we hope to do more work on our membership and other phases of the total program."

From Abbeville, we hear of a contest. Juanita B. Herbert writes: "We are having a membership drive. The winner will get a supper from the loser. We are getting quite a few members. This is our goal for the next few months."

Vivian Smith sends news from Jennings: "A special 'prayer partner' plan has been put into effect by the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Jennings. For the coming year each officer and committee chairman of the Guild will have as her prayer partner the corresponding officer and committee chairman of the Woman's Society. This plan came about as a result of a suggestion made at Guild Week-End at Camp Brewer. The WSCS welcomed

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the idea, in fact, they too had been considering plans for bringing the two groups closer together. It is believed the prayer partner plan will enrich the spiritual life of both groups, one of our major aims for this year."

And Helen McMahon of Carrollton Guild, New Orleans, tells of a series of "Potluck Suppers" which are being planned: "At our regular monthly meeting on October 2 we are having a potluck supper before our program. As a means of adding to our budget we ask every member to bring a dish and a dollar. Visitors are welcomed. The program will include a devotional service and a 'fun and fellowship' hour. We plan to have such suppers three or four times a year.

"At our September meeting we enjoyed the presentation of slides on the 1956-1960 Quadrennial Goals. This was a most interesting program."

A good start on the Quadrennial Program was made by the Guild at Bunkie. Some splendid suggestions for other groups are found in this report sent by Bee Sandefur: "We, in Bunkie, cooperated with the WSCS in a lovely luncheon which we called the "New Zeal" luncheon to put new and added pep into our organization for the beginning of the new Quadrennium. The meditation and candle lighting service following the meal were most impressive. We feel that our workers are inspired to new effort for our coming year.

"We invited three prospective members to a chicken barbecue held before our first regular Guild meeting at the home of the new president. Two of the three joined our group. Inviting new members to social functions that are followed immediately by a meeting allows them to see us in action. Then—how can they help being interested!

"Our immediate plans are for the study in October of Paul's Letters.

"The Wesleyan Service Guild is a wonderful organization, and anyone who has ever been a member has felt its force in their lives!"

Ruth Travis of First Church, Baton Rouge, shares her group's Week of Prayer plans: "Our Guild will have a day-long retreat on Saturday, October 27, at the camp of Marguerite Pierce, our spiritual life chairman. Beginning with a sunrise service, our program for the Quiet Day will include the materials for the special 'day apart' planned for the Week of Prayer. We are looking forward to this quiet time together, and believe that a day dedicated entirely to our Heavenly Father will mean much to all of us."

From Kentwood comes news of an intensive membership drive: "We began our drive for new members by making a list of employed women who were prospective members of the Guild. About a week before our meeting, the membership chairman wrote a card to each one inviting her to attend. The hostess for the meeting and another Guild member visited each prospective member giving her a personal invitation to come to this particular meeting. The day before or on the meeting day, one of our members phoned and told the prospective member she would stop by to pick her up. We believe that the same procedure of making three separate contacts for the next meeting should follow. Then we'll continue to send reminder cards and to plan for transportation of our new members to our meetings. To carry out this plan, we will all have to be wide awake and enthusiastic, but we believe it will get results."

Mary Lucille Napier, district secretary, shares with us some of the accomplishments of the Guilds of the Baton Rouge district: "Some of the spiritual life emphases are: individual devotions, each member having daily Bible reading and prayer; one Guild sponsored a sacred concert inviting all churches and securing a large attendance; others report supplying members with the *Upper Room* and other worship materials for home use. As missionary education activities several Guilds sent their missionary education chairman to the School of Missions at Shreveport; one Guild entertained a missionary from India, another sent a love gift to a missionary from their own home town who is serving in Korea. Some Christian Social Relations activities reported were: cooperating with the local WCTU; planning to share literature with a Negro church; buying books for the church library in memory of a member; participating in a community tea for foreign students at L. S. U.; and collecting coupons for St. Mark's Community House in New Orleans."

## A LETTER FROM TEXAS

It is always good to hear from our friends. Believing that this letter from Margaret Burt, though addressed to the editor, is really meant for our entire Conference, we are including it here.

A special "thank you" to Margaret for it, too!

1731 Scheley  
San Antonio, Texas  
July 24, 1956

Dear Lillian,

I believe that my subscription to "Guild Times" expired with the last issue, so I'm inclosing my check for \$1.00 for a year's subscription. I enjoy receiving "Guild Times" so much. Although I was in the Louisiana Conference for only 3½ months, I was there long enough to meet so many wonderful Guild women, and therefore, enjoy reading about your "doings."

I do hope that your Week-end at Camp Brewer was nice. I thought about all of you, and remembered how much I enjoyed being there last year, and getting to meet all of you.

I attended the Jurisdiction Guild Week-End, last month, at Mt. Sequoyah and was so happy to see Minza and Marilyn Carter, there. We had 37 from our Conference, and were very thrilled when our own Mrs. Alice Pletz was elected as our new Jurisdiction Guild Secretary. Alice is a member of my Guild, here at Travis Park Methodist, and is the dearest friend that I have. She is a wonderful person, and I know that our Jurisdiction will continue to go forward under her leadership.

I hope some day to be able to come back to your Conference for a visit, and be with my many friends, in the Wesleyan Service Guild. I know there is no other organization like the Guild. It's wonderful!

Continue to do the great work you are doing with "Guild Times," and keep it coming to me.

Thanks so much,  
Margaret Burt

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urer, and that is on reporting. Guild treasurers' reports should be sent to the treasurers of the local WSCS on or before July 16, October 16, January 16, and April 20 of each year. The new report book for treasurers provides that a copy of the report be sent also to the district secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild and that one be kept in the book as the Guild's record.

Now for a brief summary of the treasurer's work.

The Guild treasurer:

1. becomes informed on all matters of Guild finance.
2. receives signed pledge cards at the annual pledge meeting of the Guild and keeps them in a confidential file.
3. serves as chairman of the Budget Committee of the Guild.
4. issues receipts to members upon payment of their pledges.
5. notifies, before the close of the year, each member whose pledge is not paid.
6. disburses funds only as directed by the vote of the unit.
7. reports at the monthly meeting of the Guild the receipts, disbursements, and payments of the unit on the yearly pledge.
8. sends quarterly reports with remittance to the local treasurer of WSCS on or before July 16, October 16, January 16, and April 20.
9. keeps a permanent record of her reports in the book provided for this purpose and, upon termination of her term in office, passes the book on to her successor.
10. provides the Guild secretary of promotion the necessary information from the treasurer's report to be included on the promotion secretary's report.
11. attends, or sends a representative to, the meeting of the executive committee of the WSCS to present the Guild budget and to give quarterly reports.
12. is grateful for the privilege of making a significant and important contribution to the spreading of God's kingdom.





# GUILD TIMES

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## GUILD HOLDS ANNUAL SPRING MEETING IN ALEXANDRIA, MARCH 16-17



Mrs. E. E. Roberts



First Methodist Church



Miss Dorothy Patterson

### THEME: THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST FOR ALL OF LIFE

### PROGRAM

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1957

- 10:00 A.M. Registration—Lobby, Hotel Bentley  
10:30 A.M. Conference Executive Committee Meeting —  
Hotel Bentley  
12:00 Noon Conference Executive Committee Luncheon —  
Hotel Bentley

#### AFTERNOON SESSION — Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

- 2:00 P.M. Organ Prelude  
Convening of Sixth Annual Conference of Wesleyan Service Guild—Mrs. Minza Rabun, presiding  
Theme Hymn: "O Master of the Waking World"—No. 480  
Welcome—Dr. J. Henry Bowden, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Alexandria  
Meditation—Miss Elizabeth Langford  
Business Session  
Announcements  
Address—"Our Measure of Progress"—Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild  
Guild Hymn  
Pledge Service—Mrs. Minza Rabun  
Benediction—Miss Arline Tyler

- 6:30 P.M. Banquet—Venetian Room, Hotel Bentley  
Mrs. E. E. Roberts, presiding  
Invocation—Rev. O. W. Spinks, Pastor, Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria  
Address—"The Centennial of India"—Mrs. C. I. Jones, President Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service  
Benediction—Dr. J. Henry Bowden

#### EVENING SESSION—Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

- 7:45 P.M. Organ Prelude  
Hymn—"O Zion Haste"—No. 475  
Prayer—Dr. A. W. Townsend, Alexandria District Superintendent  
Special Music—Miss Edith Bailey  
Address—"The Spirit of Christ—For All of Life" Miss Alpharetta Leeper, Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Woman's Division of Christian Service  
Service Through Gifts  
Benediction—Miss Sue Batton  
8:45 P.M. Fellowship—First Methodist Church, Bunkie Wesleyan Service Guild, Hostesses

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## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER TO BE OBSERVED MARCH 8

Friends, neighbors, families, congregations—Christians of one hundred forty-two countries will unite in prayer for the peoples of the world on March 8, the World Day of Prayer. This is the seventy-first observance of this special Day, the first being held in 1887. Services of prayer and thanksgiving for our Christian unity begin on the Tonga Islands, west of the International Date Line, where Queen Salote leads her subjects in prayer, and throughout the day observances are held around the world, closing with services on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska.

In the United States the Day is sponsored by the General Department of United Church Women of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, and in over 2,000 communities the services will be planned and led by special interdenominational committees.

The program material for the World Day of Prayer, 1957 has come from behind the iron curtain in Europe. Each year it comes from a different country. The offering given during the Day is allocated for interdenominational mission work through the Divisions of Home and Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches after the cost of promotion and extension has been met.

The theme this year is "WHO SHALL SEPARATE US . . . ?" (Romans 8:35)

Guild members participate actively in the observances of the World Day of Prayer in our Louisiana Conference. Again this year, a member of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge Guild, Mrs. Estell Currie, is general chairman for special services to be held throughout the community. And word comes from New Orleans that there will be a District-wide service including a Sacrificial Supper, a program, and Holy Communion at Munholland Memorial Methodist Church on Friday evening, March 8.

In every land there are those who suffer for their faith. They endure tortures of mind and body for their convictions. As we sense and share in this fellowship of suffering, may we pray that the love of God will make us one. By faith we are persuaded that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39 (RSV)

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT HAS FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

On January 11, 1957, the Guilds throughout the Shreveport District met at Wynn Memorial Church in Shreveport for supper and a fellowship service in observance of Guild Month. The theme, "The World To Serve," was the emphasis of the fellowship singing under the direction of Mrs. Paul Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. Black. Reports of District Chairmen were heard: Spiritual Life, Thressa Atkins; Christian Social Relations, Dollie Brown; and Missionary Education, Ila Volentine. The climax of the service was the meditation given by the Rev. Tom Lancaster of the Summer Grove Church.

Arline Tyler, District Secretary, presided, and Juanita Oliver, Recording Secretary, was in charge of registration. There were fourteen Units answering to Roll Call with a total of seventy-four members and three pastors present.

## PROGRAM—

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### SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1957

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast — Venetian Room — Hotel Bentley  
 Miss Helen Adams, presiding  
 Meditation—Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Recording Secretary, South Central Jurisdiction, Woman's Society of Christian Service
- 8:45 A.M. MORNING SESSION—Venetian Room, Hotel Bentley, Mrs. Minza Rabun, presiding  
 Hymn—"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"  
 No. 460  
 Address—"The Master Is Come and Calleth For Thee," Mrs. H. C. Pletz, South Central Jurisdiction Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild  
 Adjournment
- 11:00 A.M. Church Service, First Methodist Church
- 12:15 P.M. Buffet Lunch — Educational Building, First Methodist Church Alexandria District Wesleyan Service Guilds, Hostesses

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Accommodations—Conference Headquarters is the Hotel Bentley which is located just two blocks away from First Methodist Church. Room rates are as follows:

Twin beds .....\$7.00  
 Double bed .....\$6.00

Cost—The following fees were set by the Conference Executive Committee and do not include hotel cost:

Registration .....\$1.00  
 Saturday Night Dinner.....\$2.25  
 Sunday Morning Breakfast....\$1.25

Total .....\$4.50

Pre-Registration—Dead line date: March 8, 1957. Registration forms have been sent to Guild presidents. Reservations should be made on these forms, including complete information requested and \$4.50 sent for each person. If possible, please send one check for the total amount from each Unit or Church. Send registration forms by March 8, 1957, to

Miss Dorothy Cooper  
 2012 Huffman St.  
 Alexandria, La.

Registration—Saturday, March 16, 1957, 10:00 A.M.-1:30 P.M. Lobby, Hotel Bentley. If you arrive later than 1:30 p.m., please register at First Methodist Church. If all registration forms are returned, it will make the registration task very simple.

### WHO'S WHO

General Chairman.....Mrs. E. E. Roberts  
 Secretary Alexandria District

Hospitality Chairman.....Miss Dorothy Patterson

Registration.....Miss Dorothy Cooper

Flowers.....Miss Geneva Webb

Decorations.....Miss Myrtle Ethridge

Program Chairman.....Mrs. F. G. Phillips  
 Conference Chairman, Missionary Education and Service, Wesleyan Service Guild

## QUESTIONNAIRES SENT TO GUILD PRESIDENTS

In order that we might take a brief look at ourselves in several phases of our work, your editor sent to each Guild president a questionnaire concerning strengths and weaknesses of our Guilds, how well informed we are, whether Guild month was observed, whether we are attending district and conference meetings, and on what subjects we'd like to get more information. As we go to press, almost 50% of the questionnaires have been returned.

Since time will not allow a compilation and discussion of the answers given on the questionnaires in this issue of Guild Times, we are extending the dead line another month. We hope that every Guild president will send in her responses. In the next issue of our paper, we'll give you the results. We believe that our Guild members throughout the Conference will be greatly interested in this general evaluation and perhaps find suggestions for further study of their own Guild and glean some ideas for programs and work for the coming months.



## GUILD MONTH CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT LOUISIANA

Louisiana Methodists are much better acquainted with the Wesleyan Service Guild, its purposes and projects, since Guild Month was so widely observed in our Conference in January, 1957. Enthusiastic accounts of special events and excellent publicity have come from Guild presidents from over the State. Here are some excerpts from their reports:

**DEQUINCY:** We, of the DeQuincy Methodist Church Wesleyan Service Guild, are very proud that we can say YES we celebrated Guild Month in our church. Otherwise, we would have missed a great opportunity to let our people know that the Guild is active in the church program. Flowers were placed in the Church each Sunday by the Guild. Mary Emily Cooley and I (Eula Broussard) were at Guild Week-End this past year and while there, I purchased our Guild Emblem, which we think is very beautiful. Mary Emily had the Emblem framed, and I had the honor of presenting it to our Church the last Sunday in January. While I had the floor, I used the opportunity to invite women who were members and non-members and who were not active in the Woman's Society of Christian Service to come to meet with us. I shall never forget this honor that came to me as Guild President. The Emblem is hanging in our annex where everyone can see it as they come in the door. Of course, we here in DeQuincy are looking forward to having a new Church building in the near future, and we have been assured that our Guild Emblem will be proudly displayed so that everyone who enters may see it and know that we are active in that great work which is being done, not only in our Church, but in Churches around the world.  
(Editor's Note: Eula has given us a new idea for a splendid use for our Emblem.)

**BOGALUSA:** We celebrated Guild Month with articles in our local paper, which very generously gave us a big headline and enough space to give the history, the purposes, and the work of our Guild. Many people read it and we received quite a few compliments on this excellent publicity. We also included news of our Guild in the Church bulletins during January, and on the twenty-seventh of the month we were recognized as we sat in a group during the service. Seventeen members of our Guild were present at the service.

**NOEL, SHREVEPORT:** To celebrate Guild Month, our Unit met with twelve other Units in the District for a Fellowship Supper. This was held at Wynn Memorial Church on January 11. We also put flowers on the altar for the Church Services on January 6 and January 13, and on those two Sundays our bulletin carried articles concerning our Guild and its work.

**NEW IBERIA:** At our first meeting during January we had the members of the WSCS as our guests, concluding with a social hour; for our second meeting we had an Anniversary Dinner. Our pastor honored our group one Sunday night during the month with special services. Guild members served as the choir, and we sang our Guild Hymn as a special.

**FIRST METHODIST, LAKE CHARLES:** The members of both the Dorothy Dunbar and Julia Reid Units of the Wesleyan Service Guild attended church in a body. On this Sunday, the Church bulletin included good publicity on the work of the Guild in our Church. The minister recognized our group and told of the value of the Wesleyan Service Guild and its members to the total program of the Church.

**ST. LUKE'S, NEW ORLEANS:** The Woman's Society of St. Luke's honored the Guild at a joint evening meeting during January, inviting prospective members for both the Guild and the Society. It was a very lovely affair with a social hour following the meeting so that we could meet and get acquainted with the prospective members.

**UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE:** The last Sunday in January our choir sang the Guild Hymn as a special number at the eleven o'clock service. An article in the Church bulletin gave information concerning the work of the Guild.

**PONCHATOULA:** We celebrated Guild month by attend-

ing church as a group, and by planning our program for the month on the Guild Emblem.

**UNIVERSITY, LAKE CHARLES:** The Woman's Society and Guild jointly sponsored a tea and every woman of the Church was invited. Open house from two to six in the afternoon was held in the home of the President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Paul Verduzco. Both the Guild and the WSCS hope to gain new members through this fellowship.

**HAYNESVILLE:** Along with other churches, we are having an attendance crusade from the first of the year until Easter and we are urging Guild members to attend church. During January, we had a news item in the church bulletin stating the purpose of the Guild and some of our objectives for the year.

**GUEYDAN:** To observe Guild Month, we had a series of three articles in our Church bulletin on three successive Sundays. In the first, we gave the purpose of the Guild, the description and meaning of the Guild Emblem, and the motto. Also included, were the time of meetings and information concerning programs. We displayed the Guild Emblem that Sunday, and called attention to the Guild publication, GUILD TIMES, copies of which were on display. The second article gave a brief history of our Guild, the date of its organization and the names of the charter members, the first president, and first coordinator. The last in the series described a current project in local church activities, the re-flooring of the living and dining rooms of the parsonage. During our special month, plans were made to have a joint meeting with the Woman's Society sometime this spring.

**MINDEN:** A large portion of one issue of PULPIT AND PEW, the Church publication that goes to every member, was devoted to Guild work one week during Guild Month. Our pastor wrote the article and our publicity chairman, Mary Searles, explained Guild work in a very fine way in subsequent issues throughout the month of January. On the third Sunday of the Month, the Guild members were recognized at the morning hour, the church choir sang the Guild Hymn, and the Guild president made a talk from the pulpit about the purposes and projects of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

**ZWOLLE:** Since January is Guild Month and also the birthday of our local unit, we celebrated with a social hour after our regular monthly meeting, serving refreshments and having time for fellowship. We also asked our pastor to emphasize from the pulpit that January was being observed as Guild Month. Four of our group attended the District-wide fellowship supper in Shreveport as a part of our observance of this special month.

**JENNINGS:** Our pastor, Rev. Robert Crichlow, designated January 20 as Guild Sunday and at the eleven o'clock service, recognized the Guild by having all members stand. He also gave the president a special part in the services, for she was not only asked to read the Scripture lesson of the morning, but she was also given the opportunity to make a five-minute talk on "What the Guild Does and What Part It Plays in the Life of the Church."

**BUNKIE:** For our Guild Month of January, we had a little extra party after our regular meeting. All of our members (except two who were ill) were present at the Church service where our pastor gave us special recognition as members of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

**DENHAM SPRINGS:** For the January recognition of the Guild we asked our Pastor to speak of our group and work at the morning worship service on the third Sunday. We contacted all members and asked them to try to be present on this morning and to sit in a group. Though we didn't have the entire group, we did have the majority present. For several Sundays prior to this special Sunday, we had announcements in the bulletin concerning the Guild. Also, we chose this time to have a pie sale from which we raised \$50.00. But most important of all, we put on a membership drive. We first mailed post cards to some thirty-eight women who are eligible to join the Guild inviting them to join; this was followed up by personal

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## ALICE PLETZ OUTLINES GROWTH OF JURISDICTION GUILDS

Our newly-elected South Central Jurisdiction Guild Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Pletz—Alice to us—has given us some very interesting statistics on Guild growth in the eleven conferences which comprise our South Central Jurisdiction. Her article follows:

"The name 'Wesleyan Service Guild' has come to mean more than the name of an organization; it has come to mean a way of life to more than 132,000 women across America today. 32,781 of these women live within the boundary of our South Central Jurisdiction.

"At the end of 1950, we had a total membership of 26,270; 1951—27,014; 1952—28,358; 1953—29,399; 1954—31,394; 1955—32,180; and 1956—32,781.

"To be sure, our Wesleyan Service Guilds have grown in number, but one important thing we have learned is that growth alone is not enough. We take pride in our growth, but we take greater pride in the development which has come along with our growth.

"To develop all areas of growth, so that the life within is as large as the life without, is of great importance to us.

"In the past few years, we have grown up; developed and matured in many areas, but especially in the area of Missionary Education and in giving.

"This is significant. The more we study, the more we grow and give.

"In 1950 we had 57 JR Classes in the South Central Jurisdiction with 81 New Units organized and we gave \$91,032.45 to Missions; in 1951, 170 JR Classes, 81 New Units, \$110,565.24 paid to Missions; in 1952, 114 JR Classes, 94 New Units, \$124,482.35 paid to Missions; in 1953, 6,439 (Guild members) in Classes, 62 New Units, \$165,580.98 paid to Missions; in 1954, 12,294 in Classes, 81 New Units, \$180,736.88 paid to Missions; in 1955, 13,840 in Classes, 78 New Units, \$199,661.85 paid to Missions; and in 1956, 12,688 in Classes, 92 New Units, \$197,713.41 paid to Missions.

"It is clear to see what we have to do in 1957. We believe the most important project this year will be our Membership Crusade. We are getting reports of gains in new Guilds, and increased membership in others. We hope these new members will soon find their place of service for there is an important place for everyone. So that they will become well-rounded, we should quickly interest them in the total program of the Wesleyan Service Guild; our Social Service Program; our Spiritual Life Development Program; our interest in local, state, national and international good government, our Local Church Activities, and our concern and work for the well-being and status of women anywhere and everywhere in the world.

"With our dedicated leadership and consecrated membership, we are united in this task.

### "WE RECOMMEND:

1. That every unit report promptly and effectively on their progress in our Membership Crusade.
2. That Local Executive Committees work quickly to assign new members to committees.
3. That an every-member canvass be made to interest local women in Study Classes for Jurisdiction Recognition.
4. That we continue to stress 100% reporting, **AND ON TIME.**
5. That we fill our quotas at all Schools of Missions; at the Conference School of Missions and at Sequoyah. The training received by those fortunate enough to attend is invaluable.
6. That every Guild President and Secretary of Promotion carefully study the rules for dropping members from rolls, and every effort be made to check our great loss at this point.
7. That we continue our prayer vigils for one another, for our missionaries, our leaders and our officers."

## A TRIP TO ALDERSGATE

*(Editor's Note: This article, written by Elizabeth Langford, appeared in THE LOUISIANA METHODIST. Realizing that many of you may have missed it, we reprint it here.)*

How can one put into words the wonderful experience of a trip to Aldersgate? I am tempted to say "go and see for yourself". I say this for two reasons: first, words are inadequate to describe the natural beauty, the spacious buildings, and the cordial hospitality extended our group; and secondly, Methodism should "go and see" this beautiful camp site owned by The Woman's Division of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, and maintained by them for the training of Christian leaders of all races.

Saturday noon, October 27th, 19 women representing the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Monroe District, Louisiana Conference, boarded a large chartered Continental Trailways Bus at Monroe for a trip to Aldersgate, just west of Little Rock, Arkansas. After taking on part of the crowd at Bastrop, the travelers reached Aldersgate just in time to be received very cordially by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Willis, directors of the Camp and several Guilders from the Little Rock District, before the evening meal.

After a delightful dinner we gathered before the roaring fire in the huge fireplace at one end of the dining hall and, as the great logs burned, we entered into an evening program of meditation. Then Mr. Willis informed the group on the purpose and growth of Aldersgate. Then to the cabins for a good night's sleep. Sunday morning began with early coffee. The morning devotional was conducted by Mrs. Bea Thomas of Little Rock. The Louisiana delegation was delighted to have these Little Rock Guilders add to the pleasure of the weekend. After breakfast

the Guilders hiked over the camp site with the director and learned how the hills, the lake, the winding paths, the birds and trees, the pine saplings, the substantially built cabins, the day-camp recreation center, and greater plans for future development all contribute to make the incomparable camp called Aldersgate.

The rest of the morning was spent in a round-table discussion of the 56-57 courses of study for our Guilds, directed by Mrs. Ruby Phillips, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Mrs. Agnes Miller, Monroe District Secretary of Missionary Education. After a delicious chicken dinner we boarded our Bus for the return trip. The changing profusion of colors in the autumn leaves enhanced the beauty of the wooded areas along the highway. Those who benefited by this unusual experience were: Monroe First Methodist Church—Mrs. Ola Caldwell, Mrs. Cora Harris (wife of District Superintendent James T. Harris) Miss D. L. O. Puckett, Miss Mary Alma Tompkins, Miss Jenibe Westbrook, Mrs. Annie Seidenspinner, Mrs. Agnes Miller, Mrs. Claudia Miller, Miss Frances Langford, Miss Elizabeth Langford: West Monroe First Church—Mrs. Harriet Russell, Mrs. Louise Byrd; Eastrop First Church—Mrs. Minza Rabun (Conference W. S. G. Secretary), Mrs. Monie Dalton; Bon Idee: Mrs. R. T. McGowan (W. S. C. S.); Mer Rouge: Mrs. Dorothy Moss, Miss Betty Miles; and Plain Dealing, Shreveport District—Mrs. Ruby Phillip (Conference Secretary of Missionary Education), and Mrs. Rachel Rogers.



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Hello:

May I come in and bring you greetings and salutations from your conference office?

I have finished the report for our second period, and as usual I have a mixed up feeling of exultation, pride, happiness and complete chagrin. Yes, chagrin because we still have a few units who have to be prodded into making their reports. Some of our secretaires (bless them) have to use every known wile, and then do not always get a complete report. But, all in all the reports of each district were very good, and I know you, too, received much joy from a job well done. My congratulations to each of you.

We have a new unit at Gretna, in Margaret's district, and we welcome you to our fast-growing family of Guild women.

There are so many pertinent things for us to consider at this time. May I enumerate just a few for you:

- 1—Spring Meeting—March 16-17, Alexandria. Will I see you there?
- 2—Election of officers for 1957-58 (give this much prayer and thought).
- 3—Annual Reports (Reports are our measure of progress)
- 4—Report all study classes whether for JR, Efficiency, or other to the proper persons. (Remember our goal to double our last year's figure.)
- 5—Supply Askings—What have you done for Alpine Community Center, and for Madar Sanatorium, at Ajmer, India?
- 6—Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, June 21-22-23, Mt. Sequoyah. We can have 21 delegates on the mountain, so get your reservations in early.
- 7—Jurisdiction School of Missions (3 delegates) June 24-29. We will elect our delegates at Spring Meeting. Your Conference Secretary is always one of your delegates, but the other two will be elected from the following, Chairman of Spiritual Life, Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, Chairman of Supply, and Chairman of Christian Social Relations.
- 8—Guild Weekend, at Camp Brewer, July 12-13-14
- 9—Conference School of Missions at Centenary, August 12-16. Please try to send a delegate from each unit. We have been increasing in number for the past several years. Let us continue.
- 10—Membership Crusade—Your directives were from Alice Pletz, our Jurisdiction Secretary. Please follow through.
- 11—Have you paid the \$5.00 we asked for at Guild Weekend last summer for the new water well at Camp Brewer. If you haven't, it isn't too late.
- 12—Budget for 1957-58. This is most important. There are to be some definite changes next year.

Thank you for all the lovely cards and letters you sent me at Christmas and since then. I do like hearing from you, because each of you is a lovely blossom in my large garden of friends. God Bless you as we labor together in His service.

Lovingly,

Minza, your Conference Secretary

No one could tell what my soul might be.  
I searched for God, and God eluded me.  
I sought my brother out; and found all three—  
My soul, my God, and all humanity.

—Anonymous

## WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD LAUNCHES CHURCH-WIDE MEMBERSHIP CRUSADE

Promotion Secretaries, Chairmen and members of Membership Committees—in fact, every member of the Wesleyan Service Guild is called to organize, promote, publicize, and carry through to successful completion a crusade to win new Guild members.

The following is the plan of operation for local units: First, set up a chart to check your unit's progress, with space on it to record the total membership of January 1, 1957, the number of new members gained by March 20, May 20, September 20, and December 20; a space for the total of new members gained during the year, and finally, space for recording your total membership of December 30, 1957. Second, organize three teams with a strong chairman at the head of each: Team A's objective will be to contact every gainfully employed woman in your church who is not a member of your Wesleyan Service Guild (How? Obtain a list of church membership and contact each woman who is not on your roll. Have a progress report each month.) Team B's objective will be to contact all Methodist people moving into your city as well as new people who might be prospects for church or Wesleyan Service Guild membership. (How? Contact your minister or local Council of Churches for lists of new people moving to your city. Have a progress report each month.) It will be the objective of Team C to cultivate and assimilate the new members. (How? By friendly personal calls, by bringing them to your meetings, and by friendly calls on the telephone.) The third and last step is to celebrate your victory by having a fellowship tea or luncheon to honor all new members.

Special recognition will be given to Guilds who reach membership goals by June 1st. This will be an event of the Jurisdiction Guild Week End at Mount Sequoyah, June 21-23.

## MONROE GUILD CELEBRATES TENTH ANNIVERSARY

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, La., observed its tenth anniversary with a special program at the church on Tuesday, January 29, at 7:30 in the evening. Honored guests for the occasion included Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary, Mrs. James T. Harris, many former members of the Guild, and members of the Memorial Women's Society of Christian Service.

A brief outline of the ten years' activities was given by Mrs. Inas Gwin.

Mrs. James T. Harris brought a message on missions to the group. She told of wonderful experiences at the Lake Junaluska Conference which she attended this past summer.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of two life memberships, one to Mrs. Ralph Cain from the W. S. C. S., and one to Mrs. Irene Nelson from the Guild.

After the program, guests were ushered into the church parlor for an hour of fellowship.

Covering the refreshment table was a gold linen tablecloth centered with a lovely arrangement of blue and gold spring flowers, flanked by gold tapers. Especially attractive was a tiered birthday cake in Guild colors, complete with ten lighted candles. Mrs. E. C. Whatley and Mrs. Arnold Kilpatrick poured tea while other courtesies were extended by the remaining members of the Guild.

The best things are nearest; breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

## PONCHATOULA GUILD REPORTS VARIED ACTIVITIES

Mary Lula Hutchinson reports a full schedule of interesting and helpful activities which the Ponchatoula Guild is engaged in. Her account follows:

We have a very enthusiastic group of Guild members—15 in number—and are proud of an average attendance of 12 at each monthly meeting.

In October we had Mrs. A. L. Ladner, a Baptist friend who recently went to Europe, show us the lovely slide films that she made on her trip. Her presentation of the films and historical background remarks gave us one of our most interesting programs.

In November we took the study, "Letters of Paul" and received JR credit. As a final part of our study we had Mrs. Juanita Peters show slides of the Holy Land. These were taken on her trip there last summer. Our pastor, Rev. Wilson Watson, did a fine job of teaching this study.

In December we had our traditional Christmas "Pot-luck" Supper at the church. Doris Howes presented a very inspirational program and we packed a Christmas box for the girls at the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans.

January, being Guild month, brought about our attendance in a group to a church service. We have planned the program on the Wesleyan Service Guild emblem to present in February.

In March we are planning a trip to New Orleans one Sunday to visit St. Mark's Community Center, Methodist Home Hospital and other church sponsored organizations.

## JURISDICTION GUILD WEEK END, MT. SEQUOYAH, JUNE 21-23, 1957

Now is the time to make your plans to attend Jurisdiction Guild Week End at Mt. Sequoyah in June because a special effort is being made to have all reservations in by April 1. If you've never been to this wonderful place—our Jurisdiction assembly grounds on top of a mountain near Fayetteville, Arkansas—this is a golden opportunity to become acquainted with it. You are to let Minza know if you'd like to go and you are to send her your check for \$4.85 for these fees:

Lodging for two nights (no single night price) ..	\$3.00
Registration .....	1.00
Ground Fee .....	.50
Insurance .....	.35

Address Mrs. Minza Rabun, 504 Jackson Street, Bastrop, Louisiana.

A week-end trip to Mt. Sequoyah can be made from any point in Louisiana, and attending a Jurisdiction Guild Meeting will be a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

## NEW ORLEANS GUILD REPORTS INTERESTING ACTIVITIES

At Christmas time, the Guild of Second Methodist Church, New Orleans, held its business meeting and Christmas party at the home of Mrs. A. J. Haas. Instead of exchanging Christmas gifts, the members packed a box of kindergarten and sewing materials for the Alpine Community Center at Alpine, Texas. However, the members did not leave the home of Mrs. Haas empty handed. Each was given a dish of home-made candy topped by a Christmas angel, all made by the hostess. Delicious finger sandwiches, home-made cookies and cake were served with a fruit punch.

On January 29th, we celebrated Guild Month by entertaining the Louise Mary Helmke Circle and the Alice Rouse Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of our church. A special guest at the meeting was Miss Margaret McGowan, our District Secretary. Mrs. A. J. Haas planned and prepared the delicious supper which was served by Guild members. The opening prayer was given by Mrs. Kathryn Wallace and the closing prayer by Miss Margaret McGowan. We counted the supper a huge success, it was enjoyed by all present.

On Sunday, January 27th, an outline of the Guild purposes and work was printed in the Church bulletin, and at the morning service, the choir sang the Guild Hymn.

## NEWS NOTES FROM THE GUILDS

### Bogalusa

Our recent study, "Mission Field, U.S.A." was one of the most successful studies we have ever had. We expect to receive Jurisdiction Recognition for it. We'd like to go on record as heartily approving having a representative from each Guild, preferably the Missionary Education Chairman, attend the School of Missions each year. Though we always knew it was a good thing, somehow we found it difficult to get our working folks off to attend it. After the benefits we reaped from our Missionary Education Chairman's attendance this past summer—even though she'd done excellent work before—we certainly hope we won't ever miss having a representative at the School of Missions.

### Broadmoor, Shreveport

We have just completed a very successful study of "Paul's Letters to Local Churches" taught by the Rev. George W. Harbuck, with each member taking some part in it. There was good attendance at every meeting, and we hope to receive Jurisdiction Recognition. We enjoy reading over the issues of GUILD TIMES and seeing what other Guilds are doing.

### Rayville

The members of the Rayville Wesleyan Service Guild are very proud of the attendance record of their president, Mrs. William H. Hubbard. Although her baby was born in December, Mrs. Hubbard did not miss a single regular meeting of the Guild and at each one she has carried on "business as usual."

The Church Nursery renovation has been the special project of the Rayville Guild. Mrs. George Franklin, Jr., one of the Guild members, personally supervised the painting of the walls, and under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Haley, the floors and furniture will be renovated and new curtains added to the windows.

### Lake Arthur

On October 12th, the Lake Arthur Wesleyan Service Guild sponsored a silver tea at the country home of Mrs. Bernice Stewart, who, incidentally, has been Guild treasurer since the unit was established more than five years ago. The purpose of the tea was to secure money for the new church organ, and a net of more than one hundred twenty dollars was realized.

The Lake Arthur Guild last quarter bestowed honorary youth memberships upon Susan Beth Stewart and Sandra Sue Broussard.

### Denham Springs

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Denham Springs First Methodist Church met on Monday, December 3 at the home of Miss Hattie Scivicque.

The Christmas motif was carried throughout the program. Each member brought a toy for a child to be sent to the Navajo Methodist Mission School in Farmington, New Mexico. A collection was taken for the Hungarian refugees.

Everyone enjoyed the lovely Christmas program.

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## WYNN MEMORIAL GUILD ADOPTS TWO NEW SERVICE PROJECTS

Lurlene Hunt, publicity chairman for her Guild, sends news of two excellent projects her group is engaged in. She writes, "The Wynn Wesleyan Service Guild of Shreveport reports two new projects for the current year. During each Sunday service, a Guild member works in the nursery to help out on the budget and to be of service to our church. A special project will be to send love offerings at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter to a young minister who is furthering his studies at Asbury College. This young man is from India. We have had the pleasure of his visiting our church, and it is a source of great satisfaction to us to have a part in his preparation for service in God's Kingdom."



## ALPINE COMMUNITY CENTER

*(Editor's Note: Alpine Community Center is one of our Guild Special Interests for the 1956-1960 Quadrennium. Some of your supply funds should be directed to this project. This can be done by writing the name, Alpine Community Center, on your treasurer's report when supply funds are sent to the WSCS treasurer. This article was prepared by workers at the Center.)*

We are writing this brief account of the Alpine Community Center because we want you to help us in a work that has grown so much it is taxing our ability to support it. Many of you who will receive the account never heard of this Center. It is located in Alpine, Brewster County, Texas. Alpine is the county seat and has a population of six thousand, half of which is Latin American. It is one hundred miles from the Mexican border and close to the second largest national park, Big Bend. This is a ranching country and Mexicans are the chief source of labor so continually there are Mexicans crossing the Rio Grande into this country in search of work and better living conditions.

In our town the tracks have divided Anglos and Mexicans. Segregation has been complete until a few years ago. Of course, the federal law is breaking down segregation but even before the law was passed forces were at work to accomplish this in some measure, and we who sponsor the Center believe it has done more than any other force to bring about a better attitude toward the Mexicans, or Latin Americans as they prefer to be called.

The Center is twenty years old. In 1936 the president of our Missionary Society, as it was then called, attended a Council meeting in Dallas, Texas, where she learned of the new plan whereby a trained welfare worker would be given any rural community that would sponsor a welfare program. She hurried home and secured the pledge of most of the organizations in town to support a community program for the benefit of the Mexican population. The pledges were small but so also were the organizations. And, then too, many of the members were opposed to doing anything for the "Greasers," the contemptuous name applied to Latin Americans.

In September of that year we opened the small welfare program in an unused room of the Mexican school house. Later, by dint of much effort, we bought an old rock house which we improved as we were able, and which served as our Center for eighteen years. The work grew so much that we wished we could push out the sturdy old rock walls. As we look back over these eighteen years, we are pleased to note the changes that have come about in our town, not all of which are the result of our work at the Center, but much of it is, without doubt. Where signs of "no Mexicans" appeared in all eating places and places of amusement, now there are no signs. Only a few years back not a single Mexican attended our one high school. Now, and long before the federal law was passed, many Mexican boys and girls are graduated each year from the high school and many attend the local state college. Education coupled with a Christian attitude is breaking down barriers of race, color and creed.

In 1952, the Woman's Division sent a secretary to inspect our Center and its program. To our great surprise and joy, we were told that we were to be given a building out of Week of Prayer offerings in 1953. In January of 1955, we moved into that lovely building. We have two full-time workers and three part-time. We are working with over 400 Latin American children each week. We conduct a kindergarten where 50 to 60 little children come 5 days a week for supervised play, singing, craft work, and especially to learn English which gives them a running start when they enter public school. We have Girl Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts and Cubs. This work receives much attention for we think it is invaluable in making good citizens. Our Scouts rank high in district competition where they take many ribbons.

We conduct cooking and sewing classes which are popular and prove helpful to the girls, many of whom get no other training in these subjects before their early marriages turn them into homemakers. We also have sewing classes for older women who enjoy them not only for what they learn, but for the social contacts. When Latin American women marry, social life becomes very meager because of too many babies and too much work. Life is

drab for them. The Center is trying to improve their situation. We hope to start recreation clubs for young married couples where husband and wives may have social outlet together, to replace the beer joints which get the husbands in leisure hours mainly for lack of something better. We want to organize choral clubs and Little Theater activities which would have a great appeal to unmarried adults. Latin Americans have a decided aptitude for such things.

A Well Baby Conference is badly needed. All of these programs require capable leaders and cost more money than we have for salaries.

Our town does not have a health nurse or a welfare worker so that the Center has become a clearing house for such activities. Not long ago our head workers discovered a little girl with a badly enlarged knee, tubercular, she suspected and was correct. She secured money from several sources and hospitalized the child who is receiving good care and, it appears, will be cured. Children who need glasses and cannot afford them, are directed to the Lions Club which maintains a fund for this purpose. Some time ago a young girl was sentenced to the reform school. Our worker investigated the case and pleaded that she be given a suspended sentence which was granted provided the worker agreed to be her parole officer, which she did and now that girl has been saved for a better life. These services and many similar ones are being rendered continually so that the Center has achieved a definite place in our town as a help to those in need.

The Center is managed by a Board composed of representatives from the sponsoring organizations some of which are Latin American organizations. Latins and Anglos work together forgetful of race and color, concerned only with the good of our people. The Center is a working example of harmony between people of different color and race and also of different creeds, for Methodists, Presbyterians, Christians, Episcopalians, and Nazarenes compose the Board and further the welfare of the Center through their individual churches. The name Community Center is full of meaning.

The Board is finding the operation of the lovely building heavy in comparison with the operation of the old rock house, which was used for 18 years. Keeping this building clean costs more than the total annual budget of the old place, keeping it warm costs \$100.00 a month. Water, electricity, and telephone are additional bills. We still lack much of the building completely furnished. The auditorium, which also serves as a banquet hall and club room, will hold 267 folding chairs. We now have only 100. There is a spacious stage but it has no curtains or drops. The Center sits on a block of land which affords ample playground but we lack playground equipment.

The local sponsors are faithful to their pledges and went all out in helping to get basic furnishings to start use of the building, but we need much money if we are to make the most use of this good house and grounds. The Center has a marvelous opportunity for making good citizens out of foreign people. We are strategically located for reaching and influencing a host of people that have international ties. We are doing foreign missionary work in a home mission field so it should appeal to those who believe in either or both branches of the work. We who live here are doing the work to the best of our ability but it takes money as well as work, so that if this outpost of our nation is to be served by the Center, in the most effectual manner, we must have outside help.

Not cloudless days; not rose-strewn ways;  
Not care-free years, devoid of sorrow's tears—  
But—strength to bear your load of human care,  
And grace to live aright and keep your raiment white,  
And love to see you through; that is God's pledge to you.  
—Anonymous



## INGLESIDE GUILD REPORTS SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Ingleside Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, observed Guild Month by attending the church services in a body on the third Sunday of the month. They wore corsages and were recognized during the services by the Rev. William R. Irving, Jr., who made a short talk on the accomplishments of the Guild. At this service a life membership was awarded to Mrs. R. C. Bethea, president of the Guild, for outstanding work during the year. The presentation was made by Mrs. B. W. Causey, recipient of last year's life membership.

The Guilders enjoyed a wonderful fellowship at a supper meeting the last Thursday of the month. Husbands of the members and prospective members were guests. The program of the evening was entitled "Islands in My Community", and was presented by Mrs. William R. Irving, Jr., Mrs. E. H. Davidson and Mrs. Otto Heintz.

Those attending the supper meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. Otto Heintz, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bethea, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Irving, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Redding, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Causey, Mrs. E. H. Davidson, Mrs. James P. Bright, Mrs. Hazel Byargeon, Mrs. Agnes Eubanks, Mrs. Charles D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Temple.

## WEEK OF PRAYER OBSERVED BY NOEL MEMORIAL GUILD

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, observed the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial with a Quiet Day Breakfast on October 27, 1956. The Guild members entered the dining area of the church quietly. No one spoke a single word. Each member took her seat at the table and returned an individual blessing. A large picture of Christ by Sallman, lighted by candlelight, formed the worship center. After the Guilders finished eating breakfast, they walked in silence to the Chapel.

The absence of conversation helped to establish a most reverent mood and to help maintain this mood, the organist was playing softly as the Guild members entered. Each one went to the altar, knelt, placed her offering on the altar rail; then each person went quietly to find a seat.

A meaningful worship service was presented by the Guild President, Mrs. Dorothy Risley, and by Mrs. Juanita Oliver. After a directed prayer by the Shreveport District Secretary, Arline Tyler, the group left the Chapel. Later, many Guilders were led to say that at this Quiet Day Breakfast they had truly felt the presence of God.

## NEWS NOTES—

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### Welsh

In September, 1956, we inaugurated a prayer service which meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 A.M. in the church sanctuary. This service has proved inspirational to members and to others who attend.

The Guild sponsored the lighting of the candles in the Edna Bengtson Memorial candelabras during the morning and evening services on World Wide Communion Sunday. The effect was very impressive. The Guild voted to provide candles as needed for communion Sundays and for other special occasions.

### Jonesboro

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Jonesboro Methodist Church held a Membership Banquet in September. Besides the regular members attending, we had three prospective members to attend.

We had a booth in the Exhibit Building during the Jackson Parish Fair. We sold hot dogs, coca colas, and home-made cake. The profits realized from this project were enough to buy a piano for our recreational hall in the Educational Building.

In November, we completed our first study, "Mission U. S. A." We found it most interesting.

## VELMA LEA HAIR HONORED BY GUEYDAN GUILD

On September 19, in the home of Miss Mildred Curtis, Miss Velma Lea Hair was the honoree at a handkerchief shower. Mary Jane Coyle was co-hostess and Peggy Hair assisted by presenting Miss Hair with miniature vehicles of transportation. Appointments were in pink, and refreshments of dainty sandwiches and bonbons were served. Mrs. Ethel Merritt, aunt of the honoree, presided at the punch service.

Preliminary to presenting the gifts, Mrs. Coyle, in a "This-Is-Your-Life" style reviewed some of Miss Hair's services. Miss Hair organized and worked with the local Girl Scout troops, was a teacher in the Gueydan schools, and served as the first president of the Gueydan Wesleyan Service Guild. Because of her valuable service, she was presented a Guild life membership. For two successive years the LesDames de Gueydan selected Miss Hair for her service to youth as the "Gueydan Woman of the Year." More recently Velma Lea offered herself for Christian service and was appointed by the Methodist Church as a worker in the Houma Indian School, where she has served several years. Velma Lea left about October 1 for a three-year period in Seward, Alaska, where she will serve as house mother in the Jessie Lee Home. For her, with her youthful enthusiasm and Christian capabilities, we predict great things. Our love and prayers go with you, Velma Lea!

## GUILD MONTH—

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contact and phone calls. At our February 4 meeting, we had four new members with us and of course we hope to get more to join.

**PARK AVENUE, SHREVEPORT:** Our Woman's Society of Christian Service honored the Guild during our special month. We also had a good representation at the Shreveport District meeting in January.

**DE RIDDER, MAE YOUNGBLOOD UNIT:** At our January meeting, a review of the history and organization of the Wesleyan Service Guild was given. Emphasis was given to Guild officers and their duties. On the last Sunday in January, the Guild was recognized at the eleven o'clock service and the pastor told of the purposes and work of our group.

**MANGUM, UNIT I, SHREVEPORT:** Guild Sunday was celebrated in our Church. Our Pastor gave us the front page of the bulletin where we had an article explaining the purpose of the Guild. The article included an invitation to all employed women to join one of the Units in our Church. Twenty-nine Guild members sat in a body for the morning worship service and for the anthem the choir sang the Guild Hymn.

**LAKE ARTHUR:** We celebrated Guild Month this year by uniting with the Woman's Society of Christian Service in a special Sunday family night supper at the church. Not only did our Group sponsor the supper, but we were in charge of the Sunday night services which followed it. For the services, we had a panel discussion during which parents and young people discussed teen-age problems. It was a most interesting and informative meeting, and it served as the beginning of our study course.

**SUMMER GROVE, SHREVEPORT:** Our group participated in the District-wide celebration of Guild Month on January 11. We also observed this special occasion by attending church in a group, being recognized as members of the Guild, and by having our church choir sing the Guild Hymn as their special.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, BATON ROUGE:** We observed Guild Month in January by having a dinner meeting to which prospective members were invited. Several have since joined our group. Another special event of the month was our attending in a body the eleven o'clock worship services on January 20. Flowers were placed on the altar that Sunday by the Guild in memory of parents of two of our members. Our pastor gave special recognition to the Wesleyan Service Guild, commending the group for their faithful work and their contribution to the total church program in loyalty and service.





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**GUILD CONFERENCE OFFICERS:** Mrs. Ruby Phillips, Missionary Education; Miss Helen Adams, Spiritual Life; Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary; Miss Margaret McGowan, Supply; Mrs. Ruth Cowell, Christian Social Relations.

## LOUISIANA GUILDS REPORT STUDIES FOR 1956-1957

A good record has been made in the number of Guilds engaging in the Program of Studies planned by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. We list below some of the studies taken, credits received, and action resulting from the studies. We regret that our list is incomplete, but even this partial report indicates that Guild women are studying and becoming better informed, more interested, and more consecrated Christians.

**ALEXANDRIA, FIRST METHODIST:** *Southeast Asia (JR)* Action: A gift of ten dollars to a Mission School in Hong Kong

*Paul's Letters to Local Churches (JR)* Action: Purchased books for the Church library

**BUNKIE:** *Paul's Letters to Local Churches (JR)* Action: A renewed determination to render greater service to our local church and to grow spiritually through prayer

**PINEVILLE:** *Paul's Letters to Local Churches* (Efficiency Credit applied for)  
*Mission—U.S.A.* (Efficiency Credit applied for)

**BATON ROUGE, FIRST METHODIST:** *Youth in a Responsible Society (JR)* to be applied for) Action: Copies of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's booklet, "How to Be Young and Enjoy It" to be distributed to the youth of the church

**NORTH BATON ROUGE:** *Paul's Letters to Local Churches (JR)*

**BOGALUSA:** *Mission Field—U.S.A. (JR)* Action: A cash gift to Vashti School for Girls, Thomasville, Georgia. *Paul's Letters to Local Churches* (Study in progress; JR to be applied for) Action: Resolved to form prayer groups and to read our Bibles more.

**PONCHATOULA:** *Paul's Letters to Local Churches (JR)* Action: Purchased book for the Church library

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## MISS ELIZABETH LANGFORD NAMED EDITOR OF GUILD TIMES

The new editor of GUILD TIMES is Miss Elizabeth Langford of Monroe. Active in her local church in all phases of its program, Miss Langford has long been associated with the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild. She was one of the hostesses for the First Annual Meeting of the Guild when it was held in Monroe in 1951. She brings to her new task not only a thorough knowledge of Guild work, but also extensive experience in the field of publicity. She is owner and manager of The Letter Shop and her address is 306 Bernhardt Building, Monroe, Louisiana.

It is good to know that the future of GUILD TIMES is assured, and that under Elizabeth's capable leadership our Conference paper will become increasingly useful in the Wesleyan Service Guild program in Louisiana.

Blessings upon you, Elizabeth! The prayers of Guild friends throughout the State will be with you!

## CONFERENCE SUPPLY CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCES SUPPLY ASKINGS

Miss Margaret McGowan, Conference Chairman of Supply, Wesleyan Service Guild, has announced that supply gifts for 1957-1958 should be designated on treasurers' reports for these two projects which have been assigned to us as our special responsibility:

Home—Sager Brown Home and Community Center, Baldwin, Louisiana

Foreign—Southeast Asia-Malaya Evangelistic Work

These two projects are looking to our Louisiana Guilds for help in carrying on their vital work. If we fail to direct our supply gifts to them, their work will suffer.

**REMEMBER,** we no longer have responsibility for Louisiana Rural Work and it creates a difficult situation for our district treasurers if you name this project as the recipient for your gift. *Be sure to designate your supply offerings to Sager Brown or to Malaya Evangelistic Work.* This is our share of the work. **LET US DO IT WITH GLADNESS!!!**

## RESEARCH COMMITTEE NAMED FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM

A Conference Research Committee for 1957-1959 was appointed by Mrs. Minza Rabun at the Executive Committee meeting held at Alexandria in March. Miss Margaret McGowan will serve as its chairman, and the members will be the eight district secretaries of the Louisiana Conference Guilds. It will be the responsibility of this group to make nominations of candidates for Conferences offices of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

## ATTENTION, TREASURERS! PROMOTION SECRETARIES!

Special plans are being made for you for Guild Week-End at Camp Brewer this summer. Be sure to come and bring your report books. This is a golden opportunity to get complete and up-to-date information on your offices!



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## THE DRIVE FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO GUILD TIMES IS ON!

Even though future plans will be announced by our new editor, Miss Elizabeth Langford, action can now be taken in local units to enlist every Guild member as a subscriber to GUILD TIMES. Here are a few suggestions:

Appoint a GUILD TIMES Subscription Campaign Manager.

Designate one meeting this summer as GUILD TIMES Night. Bring back issues of the paper to the meeting and display them. Ask members to search their memories for something they recall reading in the paper. Challenge each member to become a subscriber.

Perhaps a dime campaign can be staged. Announce at your next meeting that members are requested to save dimes for a stated period. "Save your dimes and buy GUILD TIMES" might be your slogan. Ask that each member bring in as many dimes as possible at a designated meeting. Enroll each member who brings ten or more dimes as a subscriber. Use the surplus dimes for gift subscriptions for your pastor, your co-ordinator, the president of the local or district WSCS, and for other members and friends of your Guild.

Remember that subscriptions should always be for the Guild year, that is, they should be from June 1957 to May 1958 for this year. It is difficult—well nigh impossible, that is—to keep extensive records on subscriptions expiring all through the year, so please urge all members to subscribe now.

Send the money and subscription lists to Miss Elizabeth Langford, Editor, GUILD TIMES, 306 Bernhardt Building, Monroe, Louisiana.

Do you believe in GUILD TIMES? Your subscription dollar must speak for you, because it is your affirmative vote, it is your only way of saying conclusively, "I'll do my part to help to make our Guilds better informed—and thus stronger—in the work God has appointed us to do."

## MRS. LASKEY, MRS. TIDWELL GIVEN HONORARY LIFE PATRON PINS

At the Annual Spring Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Honorary Life Patron Pins were presented to Mrs. Glen E. Laskey and to Mrs. Lee Tidwell for their splendid contributions to our Women's Work in Louisiana. Not only have these fine leaders gained recognition in their home State, but they have also been called to serve in the wider sphere of the Jurisdiction, Mrs. Tidwell having been elected to the post of Jurisdiction Secretary of Promotion and Mrs. Laskey has been serving as Recording Secretary for the Jurisdiction. Mrs. Laskey, too, has recently been appointed to the National Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Guild members of Louisiana salute these wonderful women who have proved such faithful servants of Christ. We remember with gratitude their staunch support of our Guild Program and their never failing willingness to help us to build and strengthen the Wesleyan Service Guild in the Louisiana Conference.

Congratulations, Mrs. Tidwell, Mrs. Laskey! We rejoice in this great honor which has come to you so richly deserved!

## STUDIES, 1956-1957—

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ABBEVILLE: *Southeast Asia* (JR)

*Youth in a Responsible Society* (JR)

NEW IBERIA: *Missions—U.S.A.* (JR)

*Southeast Asia* (JR)

OPELOUSAS: *Missions—U.S.A.* (JR)

*Southeast Asia* (JR) Action: A monetary gift to a project in Southeast Asia

*Paul's Letters to Local Churches* (JR—applied for) Action: An offering to missions—undesignated in remembrance of the Great Apostle's missionary efforts.

JENNINGS: *Paul's Letters to Local Churches* (JR) Action: Arranged worship center in church for a series of lectures

*Southeast Asia* (JR) Action: Made donation to a Guild Special Interest in Southeast Asia

LAKE CHARLES, FIRST METHODIST, Julia Reid Unit: *Southeast Asia* (JR applied for)

*Paul's Letters to Local Churches* (JR applied for)

*Mission Field—U.S.A.* Action: A missionary tour by chartered bus to Sager-Brown, McDonnell, and Dulac from which we received much information and inspiration

MONROE, FIRST METHODIST: *Five Spiritual Classics* (JR) Action: Distributed devotional literature to members of the church

*Paul's Letters to Local Churches* (Circle #1 has applied for Efficiency Credit)

TALLULAH: *Paul's Letters to Local Churches* (JR to be applied for. Study just completed, action being planned)

NEW ORLEANS, CARROLLTON: *Missions—U.S.A.* (JR) See special article on report of Action Committee

NEW ORLEANS, FIRST METHODIST: *Missions—U.S.A.* (JR)

NEW ORLEANS, RAYNE: *Paul's Letters to Local Churches*

*Youth in a Responsible Society*

NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKE'S: *Paul's Letters to Local Churches*

NEW ORLEANS, SECOND METHODIST: *Missions—U.S.A.* Action: Purchased dress material for little girls and shirts for little boys at Alpine Community Center. These were sent as an Easter gift.

METAIRIE: *Youth in a Responsible Society* (JR)

*Paul's Letters to Local Churches*

JONESBORO: *Missions—U.S.A.* (Efficiency Credit) Action: Cooperated with our WSCS in a Project

*Paul's Letters to Local Churches* (JR) Action: Bought a large Bible for our church library

*Southeast Asia* (Efficiency Credit applied for) Action: Sent gift of money to Christian Education Program in Hong Kong

MINDEN, FIRST METHODIST: *Paul's Letters to Local Churches* (JR) Action: Each member was given the booklet "Our Local Church and Its Work" in the back of which was a form on which each was asked to write one or more jobs for which she would volunteer. As we left the last session of the study course in silence, we passed by the pastor's study and left the filled-in forms on his desk.

*Missions—U.S.A.* (JR) Action: One member joined the 1000 Club, others gained insights which will cause them to be more concerned for our mission work.

SHREVEPORT, FIRST METHODIST, Unit I: *Paul's Letters to Local Churches* (JR) Result: There is a more intelligent interest in Paul and a better understanding of the Bible and what we believe. The spiritual life of the entire Guild has been strengthened.

SHREVEPORT, MANGUM MEMORIAL, Unit I: *Paul's Letters to Local Churches*

*Missions—U.S.A.*



## GUILDS MEET IN ALEXANDRIA FOR SIXTH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The Sixth Annual Spring Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild was held March 16 and 17 in Alexandria with one hundred twenty-eight members and twelve guests in attendance. The Executive Committee met at 10:30 a.m. at the Bentley Hotel, and the first general meeting was convened at 2:00 p.m. by Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary. Dr. J. H. Bowden, pastor of the host church, welcomed the group to Alexandria and to First Methodist Church.

The devotional was given by Miss Elizabeth Langford of Monroe who used as her subject, "Tell Me Something New." Emphasizing the importance of attitudes in becoming "a workman who need not be ashamed" Miss Langford pointed out that the fruits of the spirit must be found in daily life. She used an equation to illustrate the ingredients which make for fruitful, efficient living:  $Q+Q+M=E$ . This means that workers must be concerned not only with quality and quantity but also with mode of conduct—the spirit of Christ—if they would achieve efficiency as workmen in the business world and also in the Kingdom of God.

During the business session, two Wesleyan Service Guild Conference officers were elected: Mrs. Ruth B. Cowell of Pineville, Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, and Miss Margaret McGowan of New Orleans, Chairman of Supply Work. The latter office is a new line of work at the Conference level. Delegates to the Jurisdiction School of Missions to be held at Mt. Sequoyah June 24-29 were named: Mrs. Minza Rabun, Mrs. Ruby Phillips, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, Miss Helen Adams, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life, and Mrs. Ruth B. Cowell, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

The Conference Secretary, Mrs. Minza Rabun, used as the theme of her annual message "Our Measure of Progress." She reported that there are now ninety-seven local units of Wesleyan Service Guild in Louisiana with a total of 1869 members. For the first three quarters of 1956-1957, \$10,207.12 had been paid by the Guilds on their pledge to missions.

The speaker for the night session was Miss Alpharetta Leeper of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Challenging the group with the question, "Are you living as richly as God would have you live?" Miss Leeper pointed to the great experience of the Prophet Isaiah as he heard and responded to God's call in the temple. "Every Christian is a missionary," said Miss Leeper, "and while it is true that we can be missionaries in the home, at school, or in the business world, the fact remains that some must be sent. The speaker urged her listeners to ponder the question "Am I one of those who must be sent?" If one feels the call to serve God's Cause as a missionary sent out to work, she must then ask herself, "Have I the necessary training? Am I in the age bracket to be eligible? Have I good health? Have I the personality which will attract others to my way of life? Have I the resiliency that can cause me to 'bounce back' after disappointment and hardship?" An affirmative answer to these questions indicates that the person is ready to accept the challenge of being "one sent out for the sake of God's Kingdom."

During the Communion Service which followed the Conference Pledge Service, a love offering of \$226.19 was given. Plans were to give half of this sum to the Guild Conference Pledge to Missions and to send one fourth to each of the two Guild Supply Projects.

At the breakfast meeting held early Sunday morning at Hotel Bentley, Miss Helen Adams presided. The theme developed during this service was "The Call to Speak and Act Boldly in Christ's Name," the seventh Quadrennial Goal. Miss Adams mentioned several ways that Guild members could implement this seventh goal: by following the principles of Christ, by learning the fullest and truest meaning of the words "justice" and "peace," and by supporting the United Nations in word and deed.

Mrs. Glen Laskey presented the morning meditation,



Miss Emma Kuntz receiving honorary life pin from Mrs. C. I. Jones.

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS GIVEN TO RETIRING CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Wesleyan Service Guilds of Louisiana presented Honorary Life Memberships to two retiring Conference officers at the Sunday morning session of the Annual Spring Meeting in Alexandria last March. Recipients were Miss Emma Kuntz who had completed her term of office as Conference Guild Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, and Miss Lillian Kennedy who for the past two years has served as editor of GUILD TIMES. The Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. C. I. Jones, made the presentation to Miss Kuntz, and Miss Kennedy's pin was given by the Conference Guild Secretary, Mrs. Minza Rabun.

Miss Kuntz has served the Guild in many capacities, having held various offices including president of her local unit at Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans. She was New Orleans District Secretary from 1949-1953 and since that time has held the office of Conference Chairman of CSR and LCA.

A charter member of the Guild at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Miss Kennedy has filled many offices in her local unit. In 1952, she was chosen to serve as Baton Rouge District Secretary, a post which she gave up in 1955 to become the editor of GUILD TIMES.

In presenting these two Honorary Life Memberships, the Louisiana Conference Guilds are beginning a beautiful practice which will be followed in future years to honor those who have worked to further God's Kingdom and to send a love gift to aid the missionary in her place of service at home and in far places.

continuing the theme of the Seventh Goal. Pointing out how difficult it is to speak and act boldly in Christ's name in some circumstances, Mrs. Laskey said that this goal could be reached only by committing ourselves to the spirit of Christ, ever seeking to deepen the spiritual life, recognizing always our complete dependence upon the Heavenly Father. A deep love for people—even those who are unattractive and critical—must characterize one who would be truly Christian. In speaking and acting boldly in Christ's name, we must show love, patience, and kindness to all people. We must bring joy and enthusiasm to every task; these are qualities of the spirit which will shine through and enrich all our relationships.

During this session, two Honorary Life Memberships were presented to retiring Conference officers, one to Miss Emma Kuntz and one to Miss Lillian Kennedy.

Mrs. Alice Peltz, Jurisdiction Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, brought the concluding message of the meeting using as her subject, "The Master Calleth for Thee."

Following adjournment, Guild members attended eleven o'clock services at the First Methodist Church. A noon lunch was served by the hostess Guilds.



## A LETTER TO A LOCAL CHURCH

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was written to the congregation of the oldest and most historic church in Louisiana Methodism, the Opelousas Methodist Church. Its author is the president of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and it was done during the Guild's study of "Paul's Letters to Local Churches."*

Bessie V. Fairley, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to the leadership of our Wesleyan Service Guild by the will of God,

To the members of Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church at Opelousas, Louisiana,

Grace, Mercy, and Peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

You have a wonderful heritage in that you are the Mother Church of all of the Methodist Churches in the State of Louisiana. You have done a fine job with your beautiful buildings; you have increased your budget and everyone is cooperating beautifully in planning to give until it hurts during the coming year.

Now let us not forget that a number of fine buildings and plenty of money will not make the type of church Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ would like for us to have unless each individual Christian will begin with himself and live the kind of life Jesus taught.

Remember, at all times there must be brotherly kindness toward each other. Then, too, there must be love for God with heart, soul, mind and strength and also for thy neighbor.

In order to be the type of Christian we should be, we must remember: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

Shun the Gossiper and have no time for her.

Forget self, as man is inclined to be so selfish. Try to do all in your power to help your friends and any who are in need.

Endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of the ministry, so that you will be able to say: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day and not to me only but unto all them also that love his appearing."

The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy Spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

## GRACE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, celebrated its first birthday April 20.

The pastor, Rev. Henry Blount, gave a short talk during the service in which the Guild sat as a group. At this time, too, the president, Mrs. Adele Nugent, gave a brief history of the Wesleyan Service Guild and told of the accomplishments of the local Guild in their first year. The congregation sang the Guild hymn, and after the church services, the Guild served cake and punch.

Officers of this group for 1957-1958 are: President, Mrs. Adele Nugent; Vice-President, Mrs. Ona Blondin; Secretary, Mrs. Fairy McBride; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Napper; Treasurer, Mrs. Mavis DeFreese, and Co-ordinator, Mrs. J. C. Howard.

## INSURANCE FOR GUILD WEEK-END

The registration fee for Guild Week-end at Camp Brewer includes insurance coverage to and from the camp grounds and the stay on the camp grounds. If any member sustains an injury during this time, application for a claim must be filed within five days after the weekend meeting.

## QUESTIONNAIRES REVEAL INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM OF LOUISIANA GUILDS

The best response your editor has ever had from a request to Louisiana Guilds came when questionnaires were sent out last February. Fifty Guild presidents took the time and made the effort to fill them in and return them, and in so doing each one not only supplied the editor with much interesting information but also (we like to believe) took a good look at her own Guild, discovering strengths and weaknesses she may not have noticed before.

Inspiring are the qualities that make up the strengths of the Guilds. Over and over the presidents named them: Christian fellowship, spiritual growth, cooperation and willingness to work, loyalty, sincerity in the desire to do the work as it ought to be done, interest in the work, good attendance and participation, good programs. So many of our Guilds are well informed, growing, reaching out for wider avenues of service.

Even the strongest Guilds, however, mentioned weaknesses that must be fought. "Complacency" and "self-satisfaction" were perhaps the most deadly. Other weaknesses mentioned were: difficulty in securing new members and holding their interest; shortage of leadership, lack of information, isolation from other Guilds, poor attendance, and lack of time to prepare good programs. These difficulties are very real, but every one of them can be overcome when we are truly dedicated to the task to which God calls us.

Many were the names given as answers were made to the question "From whom have you received the most help and information concerning your Guild work?" Conference and district secretaries, local and district presidents of the WSCS, Co-ordinators, and pastors' wives were most often mentioned. So many women have sowed good seed in this Guild part of God's field, and the growth is apparent. In time, the harvest will be abundant.

Yes, the results of the questionnaires were gratifying. They reveal that the Wesleyan Service Guild in Louisiana has splendid leadership and is making gains. Though all is not "smooth sailing" Guild members are recognizing and facing up to their difficulties and making great efforts to overcome them. And we are moving forward, hearing more clearly and responding gladly to the Divine Call to Service in the greatest Cause the world has ever known.

## RUSTON DISTRICT MEETING HELD AT ARCADIA

On April 28, Guild members from the Ruston District met at First Methodist Church, Arcadia, Louisiana. Miss Sue Batton, District Secretary, presided. The president of the hostess Guild, Mrs. Olive Breazeale, welcomed the group.

The devotional was given by members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Grace Church, Ruston. All district officers and presidents of local units presented their reports, which told of a most successful year. Progress was made in all phases of the work: there was an increase in the number of study courses, gains in new members, and budgets were met and often oversubscribed. The Coaching Conference, workshop, and retreat were well attended as well as other District Meetings.

Mrs. F. C. Haley, WSCS Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, was guest speaker. Mrs. Wideman Watson, Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications, brought to the meeting some very helpful information.

The benediction was pronounced by Mrs. R. S. Wynn, Ruston District President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Following the meeting, the group enjoyed a fellowship hour.



## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS 1956-1957

ALEXANDRIA, FIRST METHODIST: Miss Dorothy M. Patterson

PINEVILLE: Mrs. Eva Jones

BATON ROUGE, FIRST METHODIST: Mrs. Ruth B. Travis, Mrs. Nell Causey, Mrs. Ena Hardcastle, Mrs. Frank Hudnall, Miss Lola Hunt

BOGALUSA: Mrs. Hiram Wesley

PONCHATOU LA: Mrs. Ella Hamaker

NEW IBERIA: Mrs. R. B. Boatright, Mrs. James Hester, Mrs. George Patin, Mrs. Alyce Stevenson

OPELOUSAS: Mrs. Florence McKinnon

DeRIDDER, Maye Youngblood Unit: Mrs. Glynn Kinchen

JENNINGS: Mrs. Florence Tuthill

LAKE CHARLES, FIRST METHODIST, Julia Reid Unit: Miss Marie Purvis

MONROE, FIRST METHODIST: Mrs. Helen Renwick, Mrs. Ethel Maroney

WEST MONROE: Mrs. Don Trichell (nee Miss Jackie White)

NEW ORLEANS, CARROLLTON AVENUE: Dr. Vela Cleveland, Miss Katie Cook

NEW ORLEANS, FIRST METHODIST: Miss Ola Newman, Mrs. Hazel Gundlach

NEW ORLEANS, GENTILLY: Miss Dorothy Eggerton

NEW ORLEANS, MUNHOLLAND: Mrs. John Looby, Mrs. K. E. Dike

NEW ORLEANS, SECOND METHODIST: Mrs. Kathryn Wallace, Mrs. A. J. Hoose

NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S: Mrs. Lydia Parek

FARMERVILLE: Miss Mary Louise Reid

MINDEN, FIRST METHODIST: Mrs. Ira H. Flowers, Mrs. Carl C. Ford

SHREVEPORT, FIRST METHODIST, Unit I: Miss Aileen Hyslop, Miss Phenie Kirkland, Mrs. Ethel Shropshire

SHREVEPORT, MANGUM MEMORIAL, Unit I: Mrs. Shirley Fisher, Mrs. Hazel Gibson, Mrs. Lucille Hood, Miss Sybil Kelly, Mrs. Gertrude Taylor

## NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION GUILD MEMBERS WILL VISIT LOUISIANA

Guild members of Louisiana will be very much interested in the itinerary of the North Central Jurisdiction Guild Tour with a Mission. The group will visit our State in June, and in order that we may be on the look out for these Wesleyan Service Guild friends and give them a hearty welcome to Louisiana, here are the dates and places they will visit in our State:

Monday, June 17: arrive at Hotel Bentley, Alexandria, 9:30 P.M.

Tuesday, June 18: 8:00 A.M. Leave Alexandria; arrive at Lafayette, Louisiana and visit Southwestern Institute. P.M. Arrive at Baldwin, Louisiana to visit Sager-Brown Home and Goodman School.

Wednesday, June 19: Visit McDonnell Center at Houma, Louisiana and DuLac Indian Mission. Arrive New Orleans by 7:00 P.M. (They'll visit in New Orleans and surrounding area until early Sunday morning, June 23)

Sunday, June 23: Arrive in Baton Rouge in time for church service and tour in early afternoon. Leave for Natchez, Mississippi.

The manager of the Tour with a Mission is Miss Ardell Welle of Newton, Iowa.

Here's hoping some of us will meet and enjoy our Guild visitors from the North Central Jurisdiction!

## MISS MILDRED EVANS CHOSEN NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT SECRETARY

At a recent election, Miss Mildred A. Evans was chosen to the office of District Secretary for the New Orleans District, succeeding Miss Margaret McGowan. Miss Evans comes to this task well prepared and with a splendid background of service to her church and community. A charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Second Methodist Church, Miss Evans served as this group's treasurer for many years. In June, 1956 she helped to organize the Wesleyan Service Guild at Second Methodist and became its first president. Other services to her church include teaching an adult church school class and serving on the Official Board and on the Board of Trustees.



Miss Mildred A. Evans

Mildred is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and has served as chairman of two of its committees, International Relations and Legislation. She is also an active member of the American Business Women's Association.

A graduate of Soule College, Mildred is trained in accounting, auditing, and income tax and commercial law. She is Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Third District Homestead Association of New Orleans. She lives at 4978 Venus Street, New Orleans 22, Louisiana.

The entire Conference Wesleyan Service Guild welcomes Miss Evans to this new place of leadership, and our prayers shall be that she will have an ever growing awareness of God's guidance in all her efforts toward building His Kingdom.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual district meeting of Lafayette District Guilds was held on May 19, 1957 at New Iberia. The opening meditation was given by Mrs. Hattie Childs who used as her theme "Character and Mission of the Disciples."

Miss Marilyn Carter, District Secretary, presided at the meeting. Special music was given by Jerry Fuller, soloist.

Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild, was guest speaker, and she centered her talk around "The Spirit of Christ for All of Life." Reminding the group of the Guild goals and the call which comes to each member for personal commitment to reach these high goals for this Quadrennium, Mrs. Rabun stressed the great work of our Christian schools and missions around the world.

Local unit presidents and the district secretary gave reports and outlined the program for the coming year. The treasurer's report was heard, and brief comments were made by the District Promotion Secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Life Membership pins were presented to Mrs. Alyce Stevenson and Mrs. James Hester of the New Iberia Guild and to Miss Florence McKinnon of the Opelousas Guild.

Following the benediction, refreshments were served by the New Iberia Guild members. Thirty-five were in attendance at the meeting.





Mrs. Minza Rabon, Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. H. C. Pletz

## JURISDICTION GUILD SECRETARY SPEAKS AT ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

Mrs. Alice Pletz of San Antonio, Texas, South Central Jurisdiction Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, was speaker at the closing session of the Sixth Annual Spring Meeting, Sunday, March 17. Mrs. Pletz gave a challenging message on "The Master Calleth for Thee" pointing out that the business of being Christian women should hold first place in the lives of Guild members.

" 'What place does Christ have in my life?' is the question that each one of us must answer," said Mrs. Pletz, "and the answer is indicated by the quality of our living, for 'by their fruits ye shall know them.' " Listing the calls that the Master makes to Christian women, the speaker outlined three. The first was the call to prayer which must become a way of life with us all. "The Kingdom of God will not come without praying Christians," she said. "There are such rich returns from deep and earnest prayer: God becomes real to us and we learn to understand and trust His care for us; our personal knowledge of Jesus grows and His Spirit flows through us easing tensions and creating harmony and beauty in all our relationships. We should heed the call to prayer."

The second is a call to service, to investing something of ourselves in those who need us. This includes serving with good will and love, and leading a "gossipless way of life." There are many needs, and God intends that we should meet them.

God calls us, too, to give of our material possessions. He has richly blessed us, and we can express our love and gratitude to Him by sharing these blessings with others.

Mrs. Pletz concluded her message by emphasizing that through the program of the Wesleyan Service Guild, women can grow spiritually and can find deep satisfaction in responding to God's calls as they work side by side with other Guild members to advance God's Kingdom on earth.

## NEW GUILDS ORGANIZED IN NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Congratulations are in order for the New Orleans district on their organizing two Guilds. One is the St. Claude Heights Guild with Miss Laurie Copes as president, and the other is at Gretna, where Mrs. Beverly Biehler serves as president. Miss Copes' address is 1041 LeBeau Street, Arabi, Louisiana, and Mrs. Biehler lives at 429 Elmira Avenue, New Orleans 14, Louisiana.

It gives us all great pleasure to welcome these Guilds into our Conference family.

## ANNUAL REPORTS GIVEN AT BATON ROUGE DISTRICT MEETING

Guild members of the Baton Rouge District met in the sanctuary of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge on Saturday afternoon, May 11th at 3:00 p.m. Miss Mary Lucile Napier, District Secretary, presided. The devotional was given by Miss Lillian Kennedy who used as her theme the sixth Quadrennial Goal, "The Call to Identify Ourselves with the Peoples of the World." Special music was rendered by Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, organist, and Mrs. Ann Percy Kurts who sang a selection from Handel's *Messiah*, "How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them that Bringeth the Gospel of Peace."

Mrs. Mary Kate Nichols of Baton Rouge was named recording secretary, and Miss Hattie Scivicque of Denham Springs discussed the great value of our Methodist literature in the program and work of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Miss Napier announced plans for naming a research committee which would report nominations this fall for the following District Guild offices: Chairman, Missionary Education and Service; Chairman, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, and Recording Secretary. This committee would also be responsible for nominations for District Secretary and Chairman, Spiritual Life, at the meeting to be held in the Spring of 1958.

The annual financial report was given by Mrs. R. O. Coorper, District Treasurer, who supplied each member with a copy of the financial statement for the year. The report showed that the district Guilds had given \$2169.25 as their pledge to missions, including ten adult life memberships and five baby memberships. A gift of \$259.85 was made as the Week of Prayer offering and supply giving was listed as \$126.50 to foreign work and \$333.50 to home work. The complete total given through the District Secretary for 1956-1957 was \$2954.15.

A special guest at the meeting was Mrs. Glen Nordyke, District President, Woman's Society of Christian Service. Reports were heard from Guild presidents or their representatives who were in attendance.

Following the meeting, the group adjourned to the Church Parlor for refreshments and fellowship. Mrs. Ruth Travis, president of the hostess Guild, presided at the coffee table, and members of the hospitality committee served sandwiches and cookies.

## PINEVILLE GUILD JOINS 1000 CLUB

Reporting on a very busy and interesting year, Thelma Louise Jones, president of the Pineville Guild, listed the accomplishments of her group for the past year. The Guild became a member of the 1000 Club and will have a share in building new churches in the Louisiana Conference. The group overpaid their pledge to missions, gained two new members, secured nine members' subscriptions to the *METHODIST WOMAN* and *WORLD OUTLOOK*, were represented at Camp Brewer by five members and by six members at the Annual Spring Meeting in Alexandria. They used local church activities funds to help buy a mimeograph machine for their church, and they made a cash gift toward furnishings for the local parsonage. A love offering given at the annual Christmas party was sent to the Retired Ministers' Home and a cash gift was sent to Dulac Indian School.

One of the members of Pineville Guild, Mrs. E. T. Cowell (Ruth) was chosen to serve as Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

The group completed two studies. All members were very happy in their presentation of a Life Membership to Mrs. Eva Jones.

Looking back over the year must be a satisfying experience to this group of Christian women, and we know they have been strengthened and challenged for even greater tasks which lie ahead.

Our sincerest thanks go to Miss Elizabeth Lowrey for supplying pictures from our Spring Meeting.



# NEWS FROM THE GUILDS

## ABBEVILLE

We have completed two studies for Jurisdiction Recognition, and we are beginning a third this month (May). During the year four new members have been welcomed into our Guild.

## BUNKIE

We have been fortunate to get first hand information on the work of the church in far places. In March, we had as our guest a missionary from Southeast Asia and at our April meeting, we had a visitor from Hawaii who gave a most interesting talk on a small church there.

## BOGALUSA

Installation of officers and committee members of both the Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held on Sunday, May 19th at the eleven o'clock worship hour. Our pastor, Rev. W. H. Giles, conducted the service. Not only did we present an adult life membership this year, but we also honored with a baby membership Terry Lemoyne Smith, the little son of one of our members, Mrs. Leverette Smith. Our Guild would like to pay tribute to Mrs. W. H. Giles, wife of our pastor, who has served as our Co-ordinator for the past two years. She has been so faithful and most helpful in many ways.

## LAKE CHARLES, FIRST METHODIST, Julia Reid Unit

We were delighted recently when we counted the money from our Treasure Chests and found it amounted to \$135.00! We have a nice increase in our membership, and we also feel that we have grown spiritually, partly as a result of our study of "Paul's Letters." Several of our members took part in the twenty-four hour prayer vigil sponsored by the Commission on Evangelism and Church Loyalty, and we are still helping with the Armed Forces Committee of the YMCA to provide "a home away from home" for our men in service.

## COLFAX

We have paid our pledge to missions in full, and we have dedicated some of our local church activities funds to church improvements. Our officers for the new year are: Mrs. Roy Nugent, president; Mrs. W. F. Gatilm, vice-president; Miss Isabel Dean, secretary; Mrs. J. A. Hargis, treasurer; Mrs. A. Wauplin, promotion secretary; Mrs. Roy Rachal, Spiritual Life chairman; Mrs. Pete Hodnett, Missionary Education chairman; and Miss Vernon Cameron, publicity chairman.

## JONESBORO

We have recently had our installation of officers and pledge service. Mrs. Effie D. Smart is our president for 1957-1958. Our chief project at present is working on membership.

## NORTH BATON ROUGE

We've had a most successful year. One of the outstanding events was our inspiring study of "Paul's Letters." Our new president for 1957-1958 is Mrs. Bessie Baker. We are making our plans to be well represented at Camp Brewer this summer.

## JENNINGS

We were all very happy to give a Life Membership to Mrs. Florence Tuthill and a Baby Membership to Herbert Clarke Buch, Jr. Two of our members entertained a joint meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. One of our Guild projects this past year was the donation of refreshments for our Vacation Church School.

## METAIRIE

We had our first organizational meeting on July 25, 1956, and we had installation and pledge service by candle light in September at a Sunday night service. Our October meeting was held at the Methodist Home Hospital. We have had worship settings at all our monthly meetings; we also place flowers in the church alternating with the Woman's Society. After church we take the flowers to the sick or to shut-ins. We received Jurisdiction Recognition for our study, "Youth in a Responsible Society." Our members are active in all phases of our church program. This first year as a Guild has been a most successful one for us.

## OPELOUSAS

We have had a good year due to the wonderful cooperation of our members. Looking back over the year, we remember that we have had representation at all Conference meetings, four at Guild Week-end at Camp Brewer, one at the Conference School of Missions, and seven at our Spring Meeting in Alexandria. At our Sesquicentennial Celebration, our Guild sponsored a reception for former Pastors and their wives. On Hallowe'en, we had the youth of our church to work with us and we collected \$82.00 for UNICEF. We were host to a very successful District Coaching Conference; we worked with the Woman's Society Week of Prayer Program and Sacrificial Supper; and we took part in our church's twenty-four hour prayer vigil.

We are active in our local church program, acting as hostesses in the narthex of the church every third month, serving the men's supper every third month, and furnishing flowers for the sanctuary every fourth month. One of our members is General Superintendent of the Church School, and other members serve as Chairman of the Commission on Education, Secretary of the Official Board, Superintendent of the Vacation Bible School, and teachers in all departments of the Church School.

We have contacted a young person in our church who is planning to go into full-time Christian service, teaching in a foreign field. We have taken three of the year's study courses, and we plan to take the fourth. We also cooperated with our pastor in the Church-wide study.

Yes, this has been a busy year, and we look forward with enthusiasm to our new Guild year.

## RUSTON

Twenty-five members of the three Guilds from Trinity and Grace Methodist Churches in Ruston had a pre-Easter Communion Service in the Methodist Student Chapel on the Tech Campus, at eight o'clock on Sunday morning, March thirty-first. Buddy Swayze played meditation music on the organ before and during the service. The Rev. Henry C. Blount of Grace Church gave a brief meditation and was in charge of the Communion Service. The inspirational service made those present feel that it should be repeated next year. After the service, breakfast was served in the Methodist Student Lounge.

## ZWOLLE

At the regular monthly meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, Zwolle, officers were elected for the ensuing church year. They are as follows: Mrs. Garrett Walsh, president; Mrs. Woodrow Holmes, vice-president; Mrs. Earl Mullins, recording secretary; Mrs. E. C. Leone, Jr., treasurer and chairman of finance and secretary of promotion; Mrs. W. E. Crutchfield, Jr., chairman of spiritual life; Mrs. Vernie Leone, chairman of missionary education and service; Mrs. Clinton Davis, chairman of Christian social relations; Mrs. Robert Pearson, chairman of status of women; Mrs. Ellis Anderson, chairman of supply work; Mrs. Randall Parrott, chairman of membership; Mrs. L. A. Crone, chairman of literature and publications; Mrs. R. L. McComic, chairman of publicity; and Mrs. Wesley Webb, chairman of local church activities.

Miss Arline Tyler of Shreveport, district secretary, was present at this meeting. It was held at the home of Mrs. Christel Bullard, our Co-ordinator. Mrs. R. L. McComic was in charge of the program, the subject of which was "Our Plus Becomes a Cross." Others taking part were Mrs. Carver D. Loach, Mrs. Garrett Walsh, Mrs. Woodrow Holmes, Mrs. Ellis Anderson and Mrs. W. E. Crutchfield, Jr.

## NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S

Here are some of our outstanding activities for the past year: we helped a needy family by providing for them furniture and clothing; we also gathered clothing throughout the year for distribution to needy families. We gave a dinner in honor of our Woman's Society of Christian Service, bought a refrigerator for the parsonage, made a friendship quilt, and presented one Life Membership. We obtained three new members and sent one delegate to Annual Spring Meeting in Alexandria.

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## GRETNA

Our Guild was organized December 7, 1956, with seven charter members, and we got busy right away. Here are our projects: visit all elderly and shut-in people to let them know that we remember them and to make them feel that they are an important part of our Church and community; contact all trailer camps with literature about our church, its location, schedule of services and program of work; make a pink linen suit for a Dulac Indian girl for Easter; we are now working with Judge McCure to secure a separate place in which to confine juvenile delinquents so they will not be placed in jail with hardened criminals.

## BATON ROUGE, FIRST METHODIST

Our Guild is grateful for the privilege of giving Life Memberships to five of our faithful members. In addition, we have given three Baby Memberships: one to Howard W. Weir, III, grandson of Mrs. Ruby Mauldin, one to Nancy Ann Buras, granddaughter of Mrs. Nell Causey, and one to Barry Luster Owen, grandson of Mrs. Minnette Owen.

We are so proud that a great honor has come to our member, Miss Frances Dunbar. In recognition of her outstanding achievements as a teacher of chemistry, Frances has been invited to be a participant in a Science Workshop to be held for nine weeks this summer at the University of Hawaii.

Our installation of officers and Pledge Service was held on Tuesday, May 28th with Mr. Leslie McKenzie, former chairman of our Official Board, as installing officer. To serve our Guild for the coming year we have Mrs. Ruth Travis, president; Miss Eunice Chandler, vice-president; Mrs. Mary Kate Nichols, recording secretary; Mrs. Carrie Beard, treasurer; and Mrs. Audrey Faures, promotion secretary.

## SHREVEPORT, MANGUM MEMORIAL, Unit I

As we close our year under the leadership of Mrs. Louise Maxwell, we have a feeling that we have made progress and accomplished a number of tasks in the ongoing of the Kingdom of God this past year. Besides meeting our pledge to missions and giving five Life Memberships, we found many causes that we could invest in through our local church activities and our total gifts in this area was \$156.75. We helped to send a Boy Scout to the National Scout Jamboree; we sent two children to a Church-sponsored summer camp; we helped to provide choir robes for our intermediate department and new toys for our nursery department. In our membership contest held during the period, August-October, we gained eight new members, giving us now a total of thirty-three. Our average attendance is between twenty-five and twenty-eight at every meeting. We are looking forward to continued progress in Christian fellowship and work under the leadership of our new president, Mrs. Gertrude Taylor.

## PONCHATOULA

Our Guild members were so very happy to present a Life Membership to Mrs. Ella Hamaker, who at seventy-eight, is an active and interested member. All of us are proud to have her as a part of our group. We had a very inspiring pledge service in May. It was held at a joint meeting with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and both groups participated in the program.

## MINDEN

We have had a wonderful year in Guild work in that we have been able to be of greater service to our local church, community, and home and foreign missions. We are looking forward to an increased membership this next year and in becoming a more consecrated group of women. One of our finest tributes came from the chairman of the nominating committee, who after giving her report, thanked the president for the privilege of serving as chairman. She stated that her committee had experienced practically no difficulty in securing a fine corps of officers for the coming year. We attribute this to the fact that the membership as a whole is interested in Guild work and wants to be of service.

## NEW ORLEANS, SECOND METHODIST

We found our study of "Missions—U. S. A." most interesting. Since our organization last June (1956) we have gained two new members, giving us a total of thirteen. We are going to honor two of our members by presenting to them Life Memberships.

ACTION COMMITTEE REPORTS  
TO CARROLLTON GUILD

Following their study of "Mission—U. S. A." for which they received Jurisdiction Recognition, the Carrollton Guild, New Orleans, appointed an Action Committee to suggest activities which could be undertaken as a result of the study. Serving on this committee were Helen McMahon, Gerry Rivet, and Evelyn Mott.

The following recommendations of the committee were accepted by the Guild:

1. Let every member of our Guild be a missionary on the home front and at intervals report to our group on what she is doing.
2. We will send magazines to the New Orleans Convalescent Home.
3. A committee composed of Helen McMahon, Gerry Rivet and Evelyn Mott will look into the church records to check on new members. All new members who are employed women will receive a written invitation to visit and learn about our Guild.
4. A committee made up of Helena Kuntz, Grace Reidenauer, and Mary Terroy will check our own church library for readable books on missions and lives of missionaries, and will try to make them easily accessible not only to adults but also to the children and young people of the church.
5. Elizabeth Miller, Claudia Sexton, and Violet Jackson will serve on a committee to find out the names of men and women of Carrollton Church who have gone out as preachers, missionaries, and deaconesses. The list will be attractively arranged and displayed.
6. We will organize a planned visiting service for members of our church who are shut-ins. Each one who participates will promise to visit at least one shut-in a month.
7. We will ask our Guild members to volunteer to perform needed services at the Veteran's Hospital.

Every one of these is a worthy task and in doing them well each Guild member of Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church will find herself greatly blessed.

## MONROE, FIRST CHURCH

We had a unique privilege during our study of "Paul's Letters to Local Churches." The author of our text, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, was in Monroe for a week's visit, and our Guild joined with the Woman's Society of Christian Service to sponsor a luncheon at which Bishop Ensley spoke to us on the book.

## NEW ORLEANS, RAYNE MEMORIAL

It is good to look back over the past year—here are a few of the many events and happenings we remember: in June, 1956 three car loads of our members visited Dulac taking large quantities of medicine, vitamins, and clothing; two members attended Guild Week-end at Camp Brewer; we took books to St. Bernard Church; we had an outdoor supper in August; we studied "Paul's Letters" and "Youth in a Responsible Society"; we sponsored a party at the Methodist Home Hospital; we adopted a family at Christmas and did our best to make them happy at that Holy Season; we observed Guild Month and the World Day of Prayer; and we have had excellent programs. All in all, we have had a good year.

## NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKE'S

Although we are a small group—nine members—we have as our goal building our Guild and making it increasingly better. Our contribution to missions this year was nearly one hundred dollars, and we came very close to having 100% attendance during our study of "Paul's Letters."

## NEW ORLEANS, GENTILLY

We have had a wonderful year especially enjoying our close association with our Woman's Society of Christian Service. Much of the credit goes to our fine Co-ordinator and to the understanding president of the WSCS. We have had representation at State and District meetings and at the Sacrificial Supper held on the World Day of Prayer. We have gained three new members.





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WE DEDICATE THIS ISSUE OF  
GUILD TIMES TO OUR RETIRING  
EDITOR—LILLIAN KENNEDY



Lillian Kennedy and Elizabeth Langford

For the last two years our Guild Times was most fortunate in having the efficient services of Lillian Kennedy of Baton Rouge as its editor. Lillian's success was marked by her keen ability to edit the many items of information on organization and promotion of Wesleyan Service Guilds throughout the Louisiana Conference. When Guild members are informed, their enthusiasm on the local level is increased as they become acquainted with other Guilds throughout the District, Conference and Jurisdiction. Through the medium of Guild Times Lillian carried the work of Louisiana Guilds into every local Guild organization.

Thank you, Lillian, for your unselfish dedication of both time and talent. Because of the progress made during your term as editor, we feel that Guild Times will continue to be the unifying leavening in Louisiana Guildom.

## LOOKING AHEAD WITH GUILD TIMES

... And now, I, as your new editor, want to bring you up to date on my plans. When I announced at Camp Brewer that I wanted 500 paid subscriptions, I meant just that. If every one of the 98 Guilds in Louisiana Conference subscribed for the officers only, we could reach our goal. This should be the minimum. I am happy to report that many Guilds have exceeded that record. Would you like to know the record 'til now?

The FIRST subscriber: Mrs. Alice Pletz, San Antonio, Texas, South Central Jurisdictional Secretary.

The FIRST 100% GUILD: Every member subscribing—Opelousas.

Total number of Guilds subscribing to date: 52.

Total number of subscriptions as we go to press: 367.

Possibly your Guild did not meet during the summer. At your first meeting in September secure your subscriptions of \$1.00 each and mail them with correct names and mailing addresses to Elizabeth Langford, editor, 306 Bernhardt Building, Monroe, La.

With your help, we plan to make Guild Times informative and newsy. It is our hope that it will serve to strengthen your Guild, acquaint each of you with the work of your Louisiana Conference Guilds and keep you posted with calendar events of importance during the year. May we always feel the guidance of our Heavenly Father in that which we attempt to do.

Your editor

## ELEVENTH CAMP BREWER WEEKEND TO BE REMEMBERED

Those who had the good fortune to attend Camp Brewer Weekend in July would hasten to say that words are inadequate in endeavoring to report the Camp. Many have said that it was the "best ever" on Inspiration and Information. Said one—"we returned home spiritually enriched and enlightened; another—"my life is richer because of the friendships made with such wonderful Christian women" and a first-timer—"I'll never miss another Weekend if I can possibly make it".

Our gratitude goes to Ruby Phillips, Program Chairman; Ruth Cowell, Registration Chairman; their committees, the Executive Committee, and to Mr. and Mrs. McArthur. Figure-wise, we had 118 and 2 visitors registered from the following districts: Alexandria: 3 Guilds—22; Baton Rouge: 3 Guilds—10; Lafayette: 3 Guilds—16; Lake Charles: 4 Guilds—11; Monroe: 4 Guilds—14; New Orleans: 9 Guilds—24; Ruston: 3 Guilds—9; Shreveport: 4 Guilds—13. Only 33 Guilds out of 98 in the Louisiana Conference. In that total we look for a great increase next year.

The theme "To Serve the Present Age" was beautifully developed at the Vesper Point and in Opening Worship Services. The Crafts, Clinics, and Presentation of Approval Studies were efficiently handled by capable leadership. The winsome young song leader, Miss Glynette Davis of Plain Dealing, we won't ever forget. The highlight of the Conference was provided the campers when Mrs. F. C. Haley, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education from the Woman's Society addressed the group on Sunday morning. Her remarks are referred to by Minza, in her Conference letter so we will not duplicate them here. Her address was a challenge to Christian Women to give of themselves NOW, through loyal service dedicated to the Master.

When Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary, declared the Camp adjourned each delegate expressed to her their appreciation of her fine leadership in every phase of our Wesleyan Service Guild program in Louisiana.



Mrs. F. C. Haley of Homer

# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Hello:

Many wonderful and thrilling things have happened this summer. We had twenty-four Guild members at the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, June 21-23, at Mt. Sequoyah. Our quota of 21 stayed on the Mountain, and three stayed in town, also Mrs. Chas. M. Cadwallader, Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, and Mrs. Glen E. Laskey of the Woman's Society were in attendance.

This was one of the best Weekends we ever had. Adding to the comfort, and delight of the delegates was the new Paul and Mildred Martin Administration Building. We were the first group to use the new building and this within itself was a highlight. Dr. Hook, the Supt. is to be commended on this accomplishment.

The program was filled with many outstanding speakers, including Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlin, Missionary home from Malaya, Dr. Albert Barnett, a writer and a teacher of Bible, Dr. Richard Jenkins, Pastor, Methodist Church, St. Augustine, Texas, Miss Itsuko Miura, an International Student, and Dr. Flemmie Kittrell, Professor of Economics at Howard University, Washington, D. C.

We were delighted that Mrs. Chas. N. Cadwallader, our conference president was elected as our Member-at-Large, she succeeds Mrs. B. F. Harrison. We are fortunate to have so many jurisdiction and division members living within our conference.

We had a very unique honor while at the School of Missions; which followed the Guild Weekend, in having Lillian Kennedy serve as secretary to the School. Lillian soon became a favorite, and we could easily recognize her many contributions to the Mountain Minutes, a daily news sheet edited and published on the Mountain.

We had our quota of four at the School of Missions, June 24-29. They were Mrs. E. T. Cowell, who took the course, The Ecumenical Witness of the Local Church; Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Cross and Crisis in Japan; Mrs. B. E. Rodgers, The Gospel According to Mark; Lillian Kennedy took the course on Mark, and I took Christ the Church and Race. Many of you had the opportunity of hearing these wonderful studies previewed for you at our Annual Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer under the capable leadership of Ruby Phillips, our chairman of Missionary Education.

July 12-14 we had our Eleventh Annual Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer, with 118 delegates and two visitors registered. This was the best Weekend we ever had. I say this for several reasons, preeminently it was the best organized and managed Weekend. There was no lost motion anywhere. Everyone seemed to have a complete sense of direction, and knew what they wanted and where to find it, thanks to our fine program committee composed of Ruby Phillips, chairman, Ruth Cowell, and Helen Adams, assisted by Rachel Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. MacArthur were at their very best ministering to the needs and comfort of each weekender. Audrey had left tangible evidence of her fury, but Mr. MacArthur had already cleared most of the unsightly debris away and was fast getting the camp back to normal. We had a lovely new chancel rail at Vesper Point that he had built that highlighted the impressive Communion Service on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary of Literature and Publication for the Woman's Society of Christian Service had charge of the literature table. She was assisted by Ruth Guthrie. This table proved a very popular place and more literature and material was sold than at any other Weekend previously, proving that Guild members are becoming aware of the need of more and more materials in order to do a better job in their local unit work.

Our guest speaker, Mrs. F. C. Haley, Secretary Missionary Education of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was her usual winsome self. She spoke to the group Sunday morning at the 11:00 service using the Weekend theme, To Serve the Present Age. She made many thought provoking points among them the three oughts we should have and know, namely: We ought to know God, we ought to have a sense of mission, and we ought to be active. We must work with love, we must work with money and we must work with figures if we are To Serve the

Present Age. She concluded her address with an illustration of a household article, something found on everyone's pantry shelf, S-P-A-M.

S—erve  
P—resent  
A—ge  
M—me/my

August 12-16 we will have our conference School of Missions at Centenary, and I am trusting I will see many of you there. This is a wonderful opportunity to study and learn under the best teachers in the jurisdiction and division.

The treasurers' reports are coming in nicely. I commend you highly on your good reporting. Remember the first quarters' report actually finishes the askings for the previous year. Already many of you have reported Supply Work for the new askings, Sager-Brown Home, Baldwin, La. (Home) and S. E. Asia—Malaya Kuala Lumpur, Social Evangelistic Center, (Foreign). Margaret McGowan, Supply Work Chairman is really on the job. You will be hearing from her often.

Let us make a concerted effort to have more studies for Jurisdiction Recognition, and to get more Guild members. I am counting on each member of each local unit to be up and doing. May God bless each one of you as we labor together in His vineyard.

Lovingly,  
Minza, your Conference Secretary

## CONFERENCE SUPPLY WORK

Margaret McGowan

Dear Guilders . . . We are now going into our second quarter. Let us do a good job in our Supply Work. Our first Home Asking is for Sager-Brown Home and Community Center at Baldwin, Louisiana. CASH—\$200.00.

Typewriter, file cabinets (2) and folding chairs (portion) Cash, or materials on the following: (\$400.00).

2 Doz. (24) Bathrobe for girls, new, ages 8-16 approx.	\$24.00
2 Doz. (24) Bathrobe for boys, new, ages 8-16 approx.	\$24.00
3 Doz. (36) Pajamas, flannel for girls, sizes 8-16 approx.	\$60.00
3 Doz. (36) Pajamas, flannel for boys, sizes 8-16 approx.	\$60.00
3 Doz. (36) Pajamas summer weight, girls, sizes 8-16	\$50.00
3 Doz. (36) Slips, sizes 8-12 approx.	\$54.00
1 Doz. Jeans, girls, sizes 14-18 approx.	\$32.00
8 Doz. (96) Briefs for boys, sizes 6-16 approx.	\$96.00

They can also use used clothing for babies, children, or adults.

Our askings for foreign work goes to South East Asia. Your contribution must be addressed Malaya, Kuala Lumpur—Social Evangelistic Center. We suggest that you send cash only, as duty must be paid on all materials. Some of their needs are for a portable organ, portable record player, projector for film strips, picture screen, folding tables, supplies for worship centers, etc. You may designate your cash for the above, or send it undesignated, and allow them to use it where most needed.

These two assignments for Guilds in Louisiana are our first responsibility in Supply Work. We will be happy to answer any questions to clarify your planning. My address is 4468 Music Street, New Orleans.

Your Supply Chairman,  
Margaret

## REPORT TIME

As you receive this issue of Guild Time we remind you that it is almost time to send in your report for this quarter. Have it in the hands of the District officer by September 26th, so she will have time to complete her report on time. Last minute reporting can be quite a problem to all concerned.



## BOGALUSA GUILD REPORTS

Christelle Knight, Publicity Chairman

Here are a few Guild notes from Bogalusa.

First, we would like to welcome our new coordinator, Mrs. Robert Critchlow, wife of our new pastor. The Critchlows came to us from Jennings in June. We feel fortunate to have Mrs. Critchlow as our coordinator and know that she is going to be a lot of help to us in the Guild.

Twice this summer we have had pot-luck suppers outdoors, prior to our business and program.

Miss Sara Wadsworth, Missionary Education Chairman for our Guild, attended the School of Missions in Shreveport during August. We know she benefited greatly, and our Guild will, when we have our study later.

Our President, Mrs. Hiram Wesley, attended the Executive meeting for the Baton Rouge District, in Kentwood recently.

A group of our Guild motored to Amite August 15th and heard Dorothy Dunbar's inspirational talk to members from Guilds in the Baton Rouge District. We appreciate the Amite Guild inviting us over to share this fine experience with them.

In September our Guild will be co-hostess with the Franklinton Guild for the Baton Rouge District meeting, which will be held in Franklinton.

We in Bogalusa like this doing things with other Guilds. It gives more of an opportunity to swap ideas, to say nothing of the fellowship we enjoy.

## FIRST CHURCH GUILD, MONROE, REPORTS

We have just completed our study—"Youth in a Responsible Society—A Christian's Concern" led by our Missionary Education Chairman, Mrs. Agnes Miller. During the four studies, which were completed in two weeks, we had the good fortune to hear from outstanding persons of our community who have first hand knowledge and experience with the Youth program, Juvenile problems, Counseling and Advising Youth. Among them were Rabbi Lantz of the Congregation B'Nai Israel, Miss Frances Flanders, Parish Librarian, Miss Genevieve Castles of the City Recreation Department, Miss Tennie V. Severtson, our Director of Christian Education and Miss Josephine McCranie, Counselor for the Ouachita Parish High School. One evening we had a panel of Youth from our Church to conduct a question and answer period. We had two excellent films, borrowed from Northeast La. College. On the last evening we filled in a questionnaire on what we had concluded in our own thinking on this study, and recommended direct activity as an outgrowth of the study. Our application for Jurisdictional Credit will be sent in by our Missionary Education Chairman.

## MORE ABOUT GUILD TIMES

In my report to you on the first page I reported subscriptions already in from 52 Guilds totaling 367 subscriptions. In checking a partial list from your former editor I find that from 4 Districts (Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette and Lake Charles) there are 196 subscribers who have not renewed their subscriptions for this year, and only 75 who have subscribed for 57-58. If the ratio is the same for the other 4 Districts and if those renewals come in, we will exceed, by far, the goal for this year, and make our Guild Times self-supporting.

FOR THIS PUBLICATION ONLY, your editor is mailing this issue to all those on Lillian's list of last year. It is a reminder that your \$1.00 subscription is due. Won't you please send it on in. Your name is being put on an Addressograph Plate and your Bulletin will be mailed your promptly. If there is an error in your address, please notify the editor.

Another thing . . . You will want a newsy, helpful bulletin. So, send in your news items—from the Conference level, the District level, and the individual Guilds—IF you do worthwhile and interesting things that make for Guild growth and enthusiasm, let's tell other Guilds about it.

This Bulletin is being mailed to officers and personnel on the national and jurisdictional levels, so let's keep our standard high.

May the Spirit of Christ for All of Life permeate all that you do as a Guild and as individuals. And may God richly bless you as you achieve spiritual enrichment and Christian fellowship one with another.

## WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD COORDINATORS

Minza Rabun

In Article 1 of the By-laws of the local Wesleyan Service Guild we find, and I quote, "Within the local church there may be for employed women a Wesleyan Service Guild with one or more units auxiliary to the Woman's Society of Christian Service."

Article V—Section 2. (1) The president shall have general supervision of the work of the unit and shall preside at the meetings of the unit and its executive committee. She shall be a member of the executive committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She shall report regularly in person to the executive committee meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service."

Since Guild members are employed women it is not always possible for the president to attend the executive meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and so we have coordinators to represent the Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

1. She must be a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, elected by the Wesleyan Service Guild.
2. She must attend as far as possible meetings of both the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Guild.
3. Present the Guild and its interests at the meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and of its executive committee.
4. Present the Woman's Society of Christian Service and its work to the Guild unit and its executive committee.
5. Be able to interpret the by-laws of the Woman's Division of Christian Service to the Guild unit and its executive committee.
6. Assist in organizing new units in the local church if the need arises.
7. Be alert to opportunities for cooperative activities between the Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
8. See that individual members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Guild become acquainted with each other.
9. Be prepared to introduce to the unit and the executive committee all available resource materials of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Trusting that these few remarks will help both the Wesleyan Service Guild, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service to understand one another better, and suggesting that if your Guild has a coordinator you allow her a few minutes at each meeting to bring her report to you, remembering this is a two-way process if she is to coordinate the work of both groups satisfactorily.

## HERE AND THERE

Mildred Evans, New Orleans District Secretary, is back home after having had surgery in a New Orleans Hospital. Take care, Mildred, we want you good and well again.

There are several of our Guilders with sickness in their families. Some have experienced sorrow with their loved ones. To each of you we give the following:

### A PRAYER FOR YOUR COMFORT

God light with faith your morning road,  
Walk close to you today . . .  
And grant His true and lasting peace  
To you along the way.  
God fill with strength your evening road  
And when the day is through  
Add all His solace and His grace  
To bless and comfort you.

Arline Tyler's mother has been quite ill. Arline flew home from the West coast to be with her mother.

Dorothy Dunbar of Opelousas spoke to the Amite Guild on Membership in August.

Merle Whitman of Lake Charles has had an interesting summer in Japan, as the guest of a friend who is employed there. We know Merle will be full of wonderful adventures of which we want to hear. Lucky girl!

GUILD TIMES is FOR YOU and BY YOU. Please send us your news items. Your questions will be answered. The next issue will reach you before January 1st, so send your reports in before December 1st.

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## HERE AND THERE

(Continued from page 3)

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson of Tallulah writes "Still thinking of the wonderful Guild Weekend. Had a wonderful and inspiring time . . .".

Marilyn Carter of New Iberia and Maree White of Opelousas attended the Southwest Texas Guild Weekend at Kerrville, Texas in August.

The editor has just received a Year Book from the Bastrop First Church Guild. The cover of the book beautifully illustrated the meaning of our Guild emblem. Thanks to Ruth Guthrie for an excellent year book.

What has your Guild done in a special way for Guild Month? Do you have an idea to pass on to another Guild. January is Guild Month. These ideas can be published in the next issue of Guild Times.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of First Church, Baton Rouge, certainly rates some interesting news items in the Baton Rouge Enterprise, daily news. Mrs. Ruth Travis is president of this very active group.

Any Guild preparing a year book, is kindly asked to send one to the editor. We could conduct an exchange that would be most helpful throughout the Conference.

Says Christelle Knight of Bogalusa: "I feel that GUILD TIMES has become a definite part in most Guilders' lives. We have come to depend on it so much for information and keeping us informed of events to come."

Our Conference Secretary, Minza Rabun, with Helen Hunt of Monroe to keep her company on the road, attended the Alexandria District meeting in Bunkie in August.

Miss D. L. O. Puckett of First Church, Monroe, Guild was honored with a Life Membership Pen from her Guild in their August meeting.

THE BALANCE OF THIS SHEET IS BLANK BECAUSE SOME OF YOU FAILED TO SEND  
IN REPORTS OR NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR THIS ISSUE



## 21 LOUISIANA WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILDERS GO TO MT. SEQUOYAH

We were indeed proud of the delegation which represented the Louisiana Conference at Jurisdictional Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah last June. On Saturday evening of Camp Brewer colored slides were shown depicting both the activities and those persons who had the opportunity to attend. This snapshot of one of the groups includes (left to right) Miss Helen Adams of Lake Charles, Mrs. Earl Turner, Mrs. Zola McGehee, Miss Lillian Kennedy, Mrs. Edna Andrews and Mrs. Eva Golson of Baton Rouge, Miss Dorothy Dunbar of Opelousas, Mrs. Minza Rabun of Bastrop, and Miss Marilyn Carter of New Iberia. Others who went (we regret not having their snapshot also) were Miss Maree White of Opelousas, Mrs. Ruby Phillips and Mrs. Rachel Rodgers of Plain Dealing, Mrs. Bee Sandefur of Bunkie, Mrs. Mary Pierson and Miss Elizabeth Lowrey of Mansfield, Mrs. Eva Jones and Mrs. Ruth Cowell of Pineville, Miss Marie Pace of Alexandria, and Miss Sue Batton, Mrs. Norma Daye and Mrs. Clovis Watson of Minden. In addition to these delegates the following attended—Mrs. C. W. Camp, Miss Winnie Mae Camp, Mrs. Max Bauer and Miss Mabel Camp of Haynesville. Aren't we proud of the Louisiana delegation!



## MONROE DISTRICT

Ruth Guthrie, Secretary

Monroe District is looking forward to several outstanding events that will challenge both the time and interest of every Guild member in the District. Of course, paramount interest is already elicited in the fact that Monroe will play host to the Conference Spring meeting in March of 1958. Already the welcome mat is being placed before all doors and highways leading into Monroe.

But . . . other events are in the very near future. Mrs. Agnes Miller, District Secretary of Missionary Education, is planning a "Tour with a Mission on a weekend in November. The tour will take Guild members of Monroe District to our Mission Interests of South Louisiana—Sager-Brown School and Community Center at Baldwin, Dulac Mission and MacDonell School. A large chartered bus will be used.

A weekend in October will find Monroe District Guild members attending a RETREAT at Camp Alabama. Details and dates for this quiet time will be mailed out by Mrs. Fannie Thompson of Rayville, Spiritual Life Chairman for the District. It is hoped that every Guild in the District will have representation.

Someone asked if District Secretaries are available to meet with Guilds within her District. May we suggest that you ask your Secretary to meet with you. Either set a date and see if it is convenient, or permit her to name the date. Let your Guild know of the many activities that take place beyond your local organization. Your District Secretary can help you become an informed Guild.

Mary Searles, Educational Director of Minden First Church (and one of those very best friends of the editor) has just mailed in a beautiful Guild Year Book from the Minden Guild. Congratulations, Minden. With such an excellent book to guide you, your Guild should have a wonderful year.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mildred Evans, Secretary

On Friday evening, June 21, 1957 at 7:45 p. m. the fourteen Wesleyan Service Guilds of the New Orleans District, including Covington and Slidell, entertained the 1957 Tour with a Mission Group composed of 39 business and professional women from the Wesleyan Service Guilds in the North Central Jurisdiction. The party was held in the auditorium of Second Methodist Church with 100 in attendance. Mrs. Kathryn Wallace, president of Second Church Guild addressed a few words of welcome to the guests. Miss Mildred Evans, District Secretary also extended welcome. The Guests told something of their Guild activities and the New Orleans District Guilds responded with some of their activities. Miss Ardell Welle, Manager of the Tour, told about the many interesting places they had visited along the Tour that are supported by the Methodist Church and its women's organizations. On the tour were several young people of the Methodist Youth Fellowship who told of their activities back home. Miss Sarah Bates of Elgin, Illinois led the group in singing several songs, ending very impressively with Mallott's Lord's Prayer. The effect on the group was both lasting and inspirational. After this informal hour a delicious fruit punch, prepared by Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Carmel Graci, and cookies and cake were served.

Correction: In the Life Membership listing for 1956-57 given in the July issue of Guild Times, the name of one of the persons honored by Second Methodist Church, New Orleans was misspelled. The name should be Mrs. A. J. Haas (not Hoose).

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Sue Batton, Secretary

Ruston District had 8 Guild members at Camp Brewer, 6 to attend the Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, and representation at the School of Missions at Centenary. We are now busily planning for our Coaching Conference in September. Our goal for 1957-58 is more new members, also, more study courses for Jurisdictional Credit. We realize more each day that "to grow is to study". Last, but not least, more subscriptions to Guild Times . . . every Officer a subscriber, if not every member.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

Helen Adams, Chairman

### TO DISTRICT AND LOCAL SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION CHAIRMEN

Two very important recommendations presented by the Committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation were approved by the Jurisdiction Standing Committee at their June, 1957 meeting at Mt. Sequoyah. They were also presented to your Conference Executive Committee at Camp Brewer on July 13, 1957 and approved.

You will need to act promptly on the first recommendation which is:

1. "The Jurisdiction spiritual life committee promote through the conference chairmen of spiritual life a collection of prayers written by individual members of the Wesleyan Service Guild, to be submitted to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for preparation of a new Wesleyan Service Guild prayer card. These prayers should be in the hands of Conference Chairmen by September 10, 1957. Each Conference Chairman will pass at least two of these prayers on to the Jurisdiction Spiritual Life Chairman by September 15, 1957, who in turn will send them on to the Division committee."

Please give this matter your immediate attention by encouraging your Guild members to share their prayer with others. Mail them without delay to HELEN ADAMS, 1817 SEVENTH STREET, LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA.

The other recommendation is:

2. "Our Jurisdiction initiate a Prayer Call Program under the direction of Conference Chairmen of Spiritual Life Cultivation." Appropriate cards are being planned and an up-to-date list of all names and addresses of chairmen of spiritual life is being prepared. It is hoped that this Prayer call program can get under way this year. What are your ideas? Do you have any suggestions? Pass them along to Helen also.

## CONFERENCE MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Ruby Phillips, Chairman

"Books well chosen and carefully studied encourage humility, and understanding."—Methodist Woman, June, 1957.

Looking back over the past year's program of studies, we find it gratifying to note the increased interest in missionary education as indicated by the interest shown in the study program of the Wesleyan Service Guild. This study program will surely mean better informed Christian women and will lead to greater service in the field of missions.

The past year's report of fifty Jurisdiction Recognition classes, eight Efficiency classes, and more than fifty studies meeting no standard is a fair record, but the fact that the fifty-eight classes meeting the required standards represent only thirty-eight of the ninety-eight units in the Conference is not so good. Praise goes to those thirty-eight Guilds, but what about the sixty Guilds without any approved studies?

The goal set for the South Central Jurisdiction for 1957-1958 calls for an increase of 15% in Jurisdiction classes and an increase of 10% Efficiency classes. For our own Conference, may we add to that goal at least ONE Jurisdiction Recognition class for EVERY GUILD in the Louisiana Conference? What a difference that would make!

I urge you to take advantage of every opportunity to become better informed Christian women—in the School of Missions at Centenary College, Shreveport, August 12-16; in your own district seminars which will be held in September; and in all Guild week-ends.

The approved study themes for 1957-1958 are:

Christ, the Church, and Race.

Japan.

The Gospel According to St. Mark.

The Social witness of the Local Church in the Ecumenical Movement.

Lands of Witness and Decision (Church-wide Study).

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."  
—Second Timothy 2:15.

## CONFERENCE CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Ruth B. Cowell, Chairman

Your New Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations is trying to get her feet on the ground, so do please help her. I was most fortunate in being able to attend the Conference Guild Week-end at Mt. Sequoyah and to stay on for the School of Missions. The inspiration and information received was most awarding. In fact the information was so prolific that I'm having a hard time sorting what to use first.

I trust our year together will be a most progressive one, full of love and cooperation. We want to work closely in Christian Social Relations with what is going on of good and bad in our communities our state and our country . . . trying to find ways to stop the bad and forward the good.

Let us study closely the bills that are put forth in our city, state and national government and be quick to write to those persons in power to give our opinions and ideas.

Let us strengthen our belief in and promotion of the United Nations, and let us really work for UNISEF this year . . . so much can be done, even by local Guilds.

I'm proud of the Pineville Guild, of which I am a member, in their subscriptions both to the Methodist Woman and the World Outlook. There are so many things of interest and ideas to be worked with in both these fine magazines it behooves every member to have access to them. Won't you try for 100% subscription in your Guild this year?

Let us study the Handbook on Christian Social Relations along with our C. S. R. chairman and committee. This work ties all our other work together.

I'm planning to get the film strip "This Is Christian Social Relations" right away, to have for the use of all the Guilds within the state. I believe every Guild would enjoy seeing it, and if each Guild as they use it will pay the cost of postage, all should have equal access to it during the year. I will let you know when it gets here. Do make use of this fine opportunity.

"The Mountain" with its fine teachers and lecturers gave a wonderful background and foundation for the study of our text

"In Every Place a Voice". I trust every Guild is going to include this in their study for the year.

There are so many other things of interest to be done. Of course we can't do them all—but do remember that we are working for better Christian Social Relations, beginning with our next door neighbors and extending to the other side of the world, so do study, pray and work toward that end.

I'll have more to say later. Thank you for listening.

Ruth

P. S.—Remember the "Guild Times" is our own special love—let's give it our full support.

## BUNKIE GUILD REPORTS

Bunkie Guild held a most interesting meeting to encourage new membership and perhaps it will help other units to get these suggestions.

Our program chairman, Miss Randol, gave the lesson "Strangers Within Our Gates" using a part of the worship center the many articles that members had acquired from China, Japan, Borneo, Brazil, and our own Dulac Indians. She asked the various members to bring the dress appropriate for the people they were to report on and when these members retired to dress the hostess passed out the garments of many lands so that each visitor as well as members took part in the service.

How Christianity was brought to the Japanese, transplanted to Brazil and what is being done for the Chinese transplanted in New York City—these and more were the interesting talks by our dressed up members.

The Navajo Indians were also represented and beautiful paintings by H. Bejay were used as illustrations. What they brought as well as what we can do for them was discussed.

After presenting the Goals for our Quadrennium we acquired three new members from that one meeting, so you know interest was high. (Mrs. Alvin Sandefur).

## FROM MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH—MONROE

In connection with the study "Youth in a Responsible Society", Major John M. Whitfield of the Monroe Juvenile Department addressed members of the Memorial Methodist Church Wesleyan Service Guild and their guests.

Major Whitfield has served seventeen years with the Monroe Police Department, and is one of the few specially trained juvenile officers in the state. His talk was a thought-provoking one in which he outlined some of the causes and prevention of juvenile delinquency.

"Love and affection", he stated, "Are the most effective prevention of juvenile delinquency". Also, "Know where your child is at all times".

He stressed the need for adequate recreational facilities, the importance of tranquil family life, and the desirability of a good measure of the "love thy neighbor" policy.

A lively question-and-answer session followed the body of the speech, after which an hour of fellowship was enjoyed in the church parlors.

Special guests at this time were members of the First Methodist Church Guild, the W. S. C. S. of Memorial Church, and members of the Youth and Men's groups.

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## KEEPING CHRISTMAS THROUGHOUT 1958

We have just observed one of the most glorious seasons of the year—CHRISTMAS! There is only one thing more important than the observance of Christmas, and that is keeping Christmas—keeping the true spirit of Christmas alive throughout the year. As we close the book of the past with its blurred and blotted pages, let us open the book of the future with its clean white pages and with uplifted eyes and discerning hearts write thereon what we as individuals and as a group can do to keep Christmas; to truly spread the Spirit of Christ throughout the world in 1958.

Paul in his letter to the Colossians gave such excellent and definite help in this matter, let us imagine that he is with us today and is speaking these words to us: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him" (2:6) "... Seek those things which are above ..." (3:1). We have received Christ Jesus the Lord, but are we walking with him and seeking those things which are above? Just as the Shepherds and Wise Men of old, having heard the Christmas message, longed to see Jesus for themselves, so must we seek every day of our lives to learn more of Him and his wonderful teaching. Just as the men of old hastened joyfully to bow before Jesus, so let us pledge allegiance to Him and strive to be worthy followers. Just as those of old placed before Jesus the rarest gifts in their possessions, so let us bring to Him our most precious gift—our life! When we have done this, we will find peace and happiness and life will have meaning and a purpose. All of life for Christ in 1958.

If we would keep the Christmas Spirit aglow, we must be willing to forget what we have done for others and remember what others have done for us; to ignore what the world owes us and know what we owe the world; not what we can get out of life but what we can give to life. We must try to understand—to look beyond faces into human hearts. We must trim our lamps so they will give more light and less smoke. We must dig a grave and bury all prejudices, littleness of spirit, jealousy, greed, and bitterness. We must believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than life, stronger than death. It must make us love our enemies and our neighbors as ourselves.

Another way of keeping Christmas is to be more loyal to our church in 1958! Just give our best to it. If we do this, we will have a church that imitates the heroism of Jesus; a church that is alive—vital; a church that is for the whole man: truth for the mind, good works for the hands, and love for the heart! In our church, we can find the characters of the Christmas story:

**Mary and Joseph**—representing those whose chief desire is to protect and strengthen the cause of Christ.

**The Innkeeper**—those who are interested in large numbers, great crowds, good reports, and a surplus in the treasury.

**Shepherds**—those who have witnessed the greatness of Christ's love and go out to publish the glad tidings.

**Angelic Choir**—those who proclaim the glad tidings in song.

**Wise Men**—those who follow the star until they find Christ and bow down and worship Him.

**Pharisees**—those who can tell of his heritage but do not really know Him.

**Herod**—represents the powers of evil who try to destroy Him.

Somewhere in this story we find ourselves—WHERE?

So, if we would keep Christmas—the SPIRIT OF CHRIST—aglow throughout 1958, we would live wholly for Him, letting His Spirit reflect in every area of our life. And it will, if we let the Master touch our hearts, and mind, and will—only the touch of the Master's hand can do this. WILL WE?

Arline Tyler, Chairman  
Spiritual Life Cultivation.

## MISS LILLIAN JOHNSON TO REPRESENT WOMAN'S DIVISION AT SPRING MEETING IN MONROE, LOUISIANA

An outstanding guest from the Woman's Division to our Spring Conference convening in Monroe on March 22-23 will be our own General Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds, Miss Lillian Johnson. One has but to follow her page in the METHODIST WOMAN to realize with what great anticipation we look forward to her coming.



MISS LILLIAN A. JOHNSON

Born Ansonia, Connecticut, attended Teacher's College, New Haven, Connecticut, taught in the public school system of Ansonia. Left public school teaching to go into full time Christian service. Received degree of Bachelor of Science from Hartford Seminary Foundation, and Master of Arts from Columbia University, majoring in Religious Education. Accepted position as Minister's Assistant to Bishop W. Earl Ledden, who was then the pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Albany, New York.

After working at Trinity Church seven years, during which time became ordained an elder in the Methodist Church, went to Wood Junior College, one of the schools of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, was Dean of Women, teacher of Bible, and was later made head of the Guidance Department. Came to the office of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church as Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild in December, 1951.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND PROGRAM CHAIRMAN FOR SPRING MEETING

Ruth B. Cowell, Chairman

The Committee on Spring Meeting Planning, Ruth Cowell, Chairman; Ruby Phillips, Arline Tyler (Margaret McGowan, absent) met at Mrs. Cowell's house in Pineville, with Mrs. Minza Rabun and can now present a rough program so that you may know when, where, and some of the "who" of our Annual Guild Meeting.

The place is Monroe, La. with headquarters (or at least reserva-

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# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Hello:

My, this has been a busy fall! So many things have been accomplished and still so much to do.

I had the good pleasure of attending a Guild meeting at Rayne Memorial in New Orleans, September 9th, and was the guest of honor at a district-wide social the following evening. Millie Millard, and her fine committee proved again that New Orleans has it's own unique kind of hospitality. I met many of the Guild members, and quite a few members and officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and had a wonderful time. I was accompanied on this trip by my sister, Mrs. Catherine Duncan.

September 12th I presented "Christ the Church and Race" at the Monroe District Educational Seminar, in Monroe.

September 14-15 we had our Coaching Conference at Edmary's in Alexandria with thirteen Guild and Society members participating. Shreveport District had their Seminar and Weekend, September 28-29 at Camp Caney; which was well planned and presented by Arline Tyler and her district committee. Yours truly presented the study—"Christ the Church and Race", and other than having to work a little had a marvelous time in fellowship with this fine group.

Ruston District's Coaching Conference followed immediately at the conclusion of the Shreveport District Weekend, and Sue Batton, as usual, had everything well organized and with the assistance of key women had a very good meeting.

The Standing Rules Committee composed of Judge Fannie Burch, Chairman, Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Mrs. Glen E. Laskey and myself met in Alexandria, September 28 for the purpose of drafting some Standing Rules for the Conference Guild. You will hear more about these at a later date.

October 6 I met with the Monroe District Guilds in Monroe to start plans for the Spring Meeting to be held in Monroe at First Church, March 22-23.

October 7-8 I attended a Retreat at Camp Caney conducted by Mrs. Louise Eggleston for the conference and district officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. This was followed by the Executive Meeting in Homer on October 8-9. It is always a wonderful experience to be in attendance at one of these meetings and see the fine spirit of these women as they make their reports and plan for the continued work of the two organizations under the devout leadership of Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader, our conference president.

Monroe District Guilds under the leadership of Harriett Russell, Spiritual Life chairman had their third Retreat at Camp Alabama, Choudrant, Louisiana, October 12-13. The leaders were, Miss Sue Batton, Miss Tennie V Severtson, Mrs. W. D. Milton, Mrs. Mary Lee Barbee, and Miss Joan Richardson. These times apart are always so refreshing to the spirit, and I suggest that more of you make plans to try a Retreat. You do not need a large number necessarily to have a good Retreat.

October 21-24 I attended the Regional Workshop on Promotion at Aldersgate Camp in Little Rock, Arkansas, and how I did wish for all of you. Mike Willis asked about you, and took great delight in showing me through the lovely new Administration Building that was made possible through the Guilds giving to Supply Work.

November 19-20 I was part of the Conference Team for the Workshop on Promotion in Alexandria, Louisiana at First Church. These Workshops are the best thing that has happened to the Wesleyan Service Guild in many years, and will do more for coordinating the work of the two organizations than anything I know of, or could suggest.

I have taught four studies for Jurisdiction Recognition this fall, two on Christ the Church and Race, and two on Japan, and have assisted with a fifth study—also on Race.

November 30 I attended the Program Committee Meeting for the Spring Meeting at Ruth Cowell's in Pineville. Ruth Cowell is the chairman of this Committee, and with the capable help of Ruby Phillips and Arline Tyler (Margaret McGowan was unable to attend) this promises to be one of your very best programs.

Sunday, December 1st I met with Bee Sandefur the newly elected secretary of the Alexandria District for her Coaching Conference at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. Bee is really busy in her district and I feel it only fair to warn you other secretaries that she will bear watching. Never have I seen more enthusiasm, and genuine interest than was displayed at this meeting.

Enough about what I have been doing. I commend you for

your excellent efforts in making this report possible. Only a few units did not report—this of course kept us from being 100%. How I do wish for just one perfect report. I am sending a copy of the report to Elizabeth hoping that she can use it in this issue of Guild Times.

Don't forget the Assembly Weekend, St. Louis, Missouri, May 9-11, 1958, Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel. Your registrations will be made through me, by that I mean that you will get your cards from me. If you think that you can go please write me for a card. The banquet Saturday night will be \$4.00. However you can attend the program without buying a banquet ticket. You will have reservations on the balcony where the banquet will be served. The hotel can only accommodate 1500 people, so I suggest that you give this your immediate attention. Alice Pletz wants 1000 women from the South Central Jurisdiction.

Are you using "My World Bank"? If not, ask the W. S. C. S. about it or look in The Methodist Woman, July-August, page 23 for information.

At the Executive Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service it was voted to put Alcohol Education back in the conference work under Christian Social Relations, and we are asking for 25c per member, as in the past. Please send this in with your next treasurer's report; which will be your third quarter report.

Are you planning something special for Guild Month in January? November issue of The Methodist Woman had some very good suggestions.

What have you done about membership? There is a good Membership Emphasis on pages 30-31, September issue The Methodist Woman. Let us be consistent in our efforts to reach, get and hold new members.

At the last report Elizabeth says that she lacks approximately 12 subscriptions having her goal of 500. Our hats are off to you Elizabeth and we congratulate you for the way you have been promoting and improving Guild Times. Rest assured the Standing Rules Committee gave this special work particular emphasis.

In closing allow me to encourage you to read and study your magazines—The Methodist Woman, World Outlook, Louisiana Methodist and The Guild Times. We are living in difficult times and we need to know facts, and there is no better source to find them than in our church magazines and periodicals. We need to be much in prayer for our leaders, especially those in high places in the nation, church and United Nations.

God Bless you, one and all, as we enter the Holiday Season, commemorating the birth of His Blessed Son, our Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus, and let us do all we can to put Christ back in our Christmas thinking.

Lovingly,  
Minza, your Conference Secretary

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND PROGRAM CHAIRMAN FOR SPRING MEETING

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tions) at Hotel Frances, and most of the meetings at the First Methodist Church in Monroe.

The time is March 22 and 23—BUT—something new has been added. The Women's Society of Christian Service is inviting all Guilders who can, to be present at a Dinner in their honor on Thursday night, March 20, 1958 at 6:30 P. M. and at a Breakfast Clinic for the Guild on Friday morning. We need this close contact and interknowledge and hope many of us of the Guild can attend.

We are to have the privilege of having Miss Marguerite Twinem and Miss Lillian Johnson from Women's Division.

The regular meeting of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild begins on Saturday, March 22, with registration at 10:00 o'clock, the meeting being convened at 2:00 P. M. at the First Methodist Church.

You will find many novel and interesting presentations of subjects in which you are all interested. More details at a later date—watch for them.

Your Conference Chairman has procured the film strip (in color) "This is Christian Social Relations" and it is available to any Guild or District that might want to use it—for the return postage. Please contact me if you would like to use it, far enough in advance that some sort of schedule may be arranged. My address is P. O. Box 805, Pineville. The Bunkie Guild showed the film strip at the Alexandria District Coaching Conference and everyone enjoyed and learned. How are your studies and action therefrom coming along? I'd appreciate hearing from you District Christian Social Relations Officers as to what you are doing.

Let us strive to grow in understanding through study; not only of books, but good radio and TV Programs and current articles. Your Methodist Woman and World Outlook are tops! Use them!



## YOUR GUILD TIMES EDITOR

I want to say "Hurrah for our-side", because you took me seriously and were so wonderful in helping me reach my goal of 500 subscribers to Guild Times for 1957-58. At this writing I lack only 10 of reaching that goal, but somewhere in this edition will be a post script if the printer can slip it in. There are only 12 Guilds in the Conference which have not sent in a subscription and I still expect to hear from them. You District Secretaries have a job to do there. These Guilds will again receive one copy of the Times, so they can see what other Guilds throughout Louisiana are doing, and have information on our great program for the months ahead.

Of course we are most proud of the way you are reporting your activities. And especially the manner in which you follow the directives pertaining to Lines of Work, program, Mission study, and your reporting. (Secret: A certain Conference Officer said she especially liked the efficiency with which employed women, who make up the Guilds, make their reports.) Your Conference Secretary's Letter will tell you how well you are doing.

The Guild Times will be your medium through which these accomplishments will be made known, not only on a Conference-wide basis, but also to Jurisdictional and Division levels.

As we go to press I can report the following Guilds 100% subscribers: Bunkie, Opelousas, Gueydon. The Julia Reid Circle, First Church, Lake Charles, has subscribed 100% to Guild Times—36 members plus a subscription each for the President of the Woman's Society, Mrs. Stokes, and the Minister, Rev. Carl Lueg. Your editor congratulates them on this excellent record. First Church Guild, Monroe, has the largest number of subscribers to Guild Times—a total of 52—with Circle No. 2, Lucille Coates, Leader, having 100%. Of course I am proud of MY Guild, Lafayette District 100%—all Guilds subscribing.

Since your editor is a member of the Host church for the Spring meeting, I personally welcome your Guild delegates to Monroe First Church and Monroe District. We are very anxious to have EVERY Guild in Louisiana Conference represented by at least one delegate. Get in touch with your District Secretary and make a car pool—arrive in time to get the full benefit of the meeting. Just think—your own Lillian Johnson from Division Headquarters will be here as our Guest. Monroe First Church wants 100% registration from the 98 Guilds in Louisiana Conference.

## CONFERENCE SUPPLY WORK

Margaret McGowan, Chairman

### WHAT IS SUPPLY WORK?

It's school girls' happy faces  
It's orphans clothed and fed.  
It's help in needy places  
It isn't long columns of headachy addition  
It's U. S. 2's and J 3's  
Who fill a great commission,  
It's YOU and ME who want to help  
And give our lives to prove it  
. . . How wonderful is Supply Work  
It Lives—and so I love it.

Supply work presents golden opportunities of service which carry their own blessings. If you look at a dollar, you will see that it has wings and stars on it. There is romance and glamour in Christian giving when we use those wings. So let's put our shoulders to the wheel and . . . let's go.

Just a reminder: Every Unit president has received a letter of directives about your Supply Work. Remember that the second mile on Supply Work is like frosting on a cake. SUPPLY is Sharing; SUPPLY is the opportunity for Gracious Living; SUPPLY is Christian Spirit in Action. These are the tools needed in our Supply Work in our Conference. At the Spring Meeting in Monroe we will have a wonderful opportunity to hear what is being done BECAUSE OF SUPPLY WORK.

## REMINDER TO SECRETARIES OF PROMOTION

Your next local report is to be made to your District Secretary by January 20. One copy goes to your Secretary of Promotion, Woman's Society of Christian Service and you keep the third copy for yourself.

TO YOU TREASURERS—Your third Quarterly report will be due February 20. This report goes to the Treasurer of your Woman's Society of Christian Service.

## MRS. ALVIN (Bee) SANDEFUR CHOSEN ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT SECRETARY



MRS. ALVIN SANDEFUR

At the District Meeting held in the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church in Bunkie, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur of Bunkie—known to Guilders as Bee—was chosen Secretary of the Alexandria District, succeeding Mrs. E. E. (Louise) Roberts. Mrs. Sandefur comes to this task well prepared and with a background of service to her church, community and parish. She has served her Guild as program chairman, president and promotion secretary, as well as various chairmanships. Other services to her church include substitute teaching in the church school and president of the adult class.

Bee is a member of the Pilot Club and Chaplain of the group. She has served on several committees and has been chairman of the Legislative Committee. She is serving as chairman of the Child Welfare and Rehabilitation Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary and is Department Executive Committeewoman of the organization. She is very active in the Avoyelles Parish Cancer Society Unit.

When one plays so important a part in a community it usually bespeaks an important roll as a home-maker and mother. Bee is the wife of a successful farmer, is the mother of two married daughters and has three grand children. Her daughters were educated at Northwestern. The youngest, Joann, taught a year at L. S. U. and a year at Centenary. She married the president of the student body, Robert Lane, and continued her work at the Y. W. C. A. in Shreveport. She is now in Dexheim, Germany, where her husband is stationed with the U. S. Army. The oldest daughter, Mary Frances, lives in Lake Charles where her husband is Coach at Gillis High School.

Thank you, Bee, for assuming so gracefully this opportunity of service in the Alexandria District. You have an excellent group of Guilds under your leadership, and other District Secretaries and Conference Officers welcome you into Louisiana Conference of Wesleyan Service Guilds.

## REPORT OF THE LA. CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILDS FOR JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

Our report for the first period has been excellent. We report 1,875 members. 64 new members, 3 transferred to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, 96 Guild units. We had 9 Study Classes with 66 women participating. Paid on Pledge, \$2,784.12; on Jurisdiction Projects, \$58.45 (action from study); In Remembrance, \$5, through Treasure Chests, \$2, totaling \$2,799.57. In Special Memberships: Baby—\$5, Adult \$525. Total paid on Appropriations—\$3,329.77.

Our Supply Work reported: HOME—Sager-Brown, \$145.20, Alpine Community Center, \$77.22. FOREIGN—Kuala Lumpur, \$66.85, Ajmer, India, \$66.08, Magazine and Picture Fund, \$55.75—a total to Supply Work of \$411.10.



## MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Mrs. F. G. (Ruby) Phillips, Conference Chairman

One half of the 1957-1958 Conference year is now history. We now pause to check our activities in the field of Missionary Education and Service for the first half of the year.

1. Have you had at least one study for Jurisdiction Recognition?

Some of the Guilds have had two studies already. Two Guilds are working toward four approved studies this year, and one other Guild has three for its goal. What is your aim?

2. Have you reported the studies which you have completed?

It is so easy to neglect this. Indications are that some studies have been reported before receiving recognition cards. Therefore the reports of your Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild and your Chairman of Missionary Education do not agree.

3. To whom do you report?

If you have met the requirements for Jurisdiction Recognition, (See Jurisdiction Report Blank or Handbook for Secretary of Missionary Education) fill out application form and mail to the Conference Secretary of Missionary Education of the Woman's Society of Christian Service:

Mrs. F. C. Haley (Acting Secretary)  
607 East College Street  
Homer, Louisiana

If standards for Jurisdiction Recognition are not met, check on Efficiency requirements and send Efficiency report to the Conference Chairman of Missionary Education:

Mrs. F. G. Phillips  
P. O. Box 398  
Plain Dealing, Louisiana

Then after receiving the Recognition card (Jurisdiction or Efficiency) contact the Secretary of Missionary Education of the Local Woman's Society of Christian Service and ask her to include the study of the Wesleyan Service Guild in her period report to the District Secretary of Missionary Education.

Finally, work with the local Guild Secretary of Promotion to include the studies in her report to the District Secretary of The Wesleyan Service Guild.

4. Why do we emphasize "JR" study classes?

For the answer to this question, I quote from the newsletter of the Jurisdiction Chairman of Missionary Education: "It is the BEST class—the most challenging, and hence the most enjoyable."

We Guild women always want the BEST.

5. Do you report on missions at each regular meeting?

A five-minute discussion at regular meetings would do much to keep up an interest, or to create an interest, in missions.

As we go into the second half of the Conference year, may we resolve to STUDY more, to PRAY more, and to DO more to make missions more dynamic in our Wesleyan Service Guild, so that we may deepen the desire "to lift the world up to God."

The challenge is yours!

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT NEWS

Bee Sandefur, District Secretary

At the District meeting in Bunkie, presided over by the outgoing District Secretary, Mrs. E. E. Roberts, of Alexandria, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Rowena Lee, Bunkie, recording secretary; Miss Marie Pace, Pineville, secretary of Missionary Education; Miss Elizabeth Randol, Bunkie, secretary of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. E. E. Roberts, Alexandria, secretary of Supply Work. Selected to serve 2 years as members-at-large from the Woman's Society of Christian Service were Mrs. J. Y. Sexton, Bunkie, and Mrs. W. A. Farrar, Pineville.

On November 7th the Wesleyan Service Guild of Pollock honored the new District Secretary, together with Mrs. Louise Roberts and Mrs. Rowena Lee at a Buffet Supper.

On November 25th the Bunkie Guild gave a Turkey Supper honoring their new members. Among the guests was the president of the Woman's Society, Mrs. Inez Overbey. Mrs. Celeste Johnson, chairman of Christian Social Relations, showed the film "So This Is Christian Social Relations". The narrative to the film was presented by Miss Elizabeth Randol.

In the afternoon of December 1st, at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria, a Coaching Conference for all local unit officers in the various lines of work was held.

The following letter comes from the Chairman of Publicity of the Pollock Guild in Alexandria District:

"We have been wanting to write and get one of our news items in the Guild Times but I guess we have just been too busy and

when I tell you what all we have done, I believe you will agree.

We are a small group, only 15 members but we usually have 100% attendance at our meetings and I must say we are 100% workers in our projects.

Our parsonage needed quite a bit of work done on it, inside and outside, so we took that on as one of our major works and I am listing below some of the ways that we raised the money—

We sold picture plates of our Old Church.

Had a Spaghetti Supper in the Pollock High School lunch room in February.

Had a "Chuck Wagon Barbecue Supper" in the Lion's club Park in May.

Had a "Chicken-in-Basket" supper in July.

All of these met with great success and the entire proceeds were used in work on the parsonage. I must mention in this connection our sister church at Selma sent us a check to be used in this.

Other activities we have taken part in this year is to give a picnic and swimming party for the Pollock High School Seniors in May; helped with the refreshments for the W. S. C. S. and Wesleyan Service Guild Conference in Alexandria—were hostess to the M. Y. F. Sub-District meeting in Pollock in August.

In fact, it seems that we always have something going—we are building a new sanctuary now, so are selling Christmas Cards and will start other things to help out on this.

We have also had two study courses with a very good attendance. We think we have a wonderful organization and feel like we are accomplishing a great deal.—Winifred Smart."

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Mary Lucille Nappier, District Secretary

(Reported by Maggie B. Wood)

At about 4:00 A. M. on the morning of Sunday, November 10, 1957, Methodist homes all over the Baton Rouge District began lighting up—It was a day of great anticipation for the Guilders who were taking the "Let's Tour Our Missions" trip, under the supervision of Mrs. Emma Mainius, First Church, Baton Rouge. As the group was to board a bus in Hammond at 7:00 A. M., it was necessary to arise early to be on our way. The original plans had been for one bus, but the Guilders were enthusiastic and we had to have two buses to carry all of us. There were: Baton Rouge First Church 11, North Baton Rouge Church 4, University Church 4, Istrouma 4, Ingleside 1, Amite 6, Denham Springs 7, Tickfaw 4, Kentwood 4, and Bogalusa 9—total 58—on the trip. We left Hammond on schedule and went to New Orleans. On the way we were given a brief history of St. Mark's Community Center, our first scheduled stop, and then we had a talk on the work of Methodist Home Hospital—our second stop.

At St. Mark's we first went into the chapel where we were met by Mrs. Morrison who welcomed us and told us about their work and purpose, which is to help people of all creeds live more abundant lives through wholesome recreation and other character building activities. Our present services include a varied program of activities for children and teenagers, consisting of social clubs, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, interest groups such as wood shop and other crafts, dramatics, gym sports, teams of football, swimming, life saving classes, game room, editing of an agency paper, family night socials and many special events. Personal interviews, counseling, and home visits help leaders understand members of their groups and their problems. They also have some activities for adults, and maintain a Day Care Center for children 2½ to 5 whose mothers must work. Last year they served 600 individuals in some 250 families. We were divided into three groups and taken through all of the buildings. The staff and members are especially happy over their summer camp on the Tchefuncta River near Covington, La., which was purchased in 1954 by the W. D. C. S. There is a seven room house on 22 acres of land which is used by each of the various groups for summer camping. St. Marks is supported jointly by the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church and the United Fund.

Our next stop was Methodist Home Hospital on Washington Street, New Orleans, where unfortunate girls are taken in and cared for under Christian supervision and training while waiting for their babies. The matron met and welcomed us, then took us on a tour. Only a person who had visited the Old Mercy Memorial Hospital can appreciate the wonderful advancement of this place. It is now as modern as any hospital. You see the babies, and there were seventeen of them, through a glass. There is a beautiful chapel dedicated to Mrs. Virgil Morris, who was killed in an automobile accident in Mexico. An organ was donated by the grandfather of one of the girls who had been there, in gratitude for the help



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they had given her. After this visit we boarded the bus for Houma and our devotional was given during this ride. Mrs. Leonard Young of Bogalusa and Miss Lillian Kennedy of Baton Rouge brought the inspiring messages.

At Houma we went to McDonnell Methodist Center where we were met by the Pastor and his wife, and made to feel at home. As it was lunch time arrangements had been made for us to have lunch at the Center. We were served a bounteous meal by the older girls of the school. All the children and personnel of the school ate with us, and Mrs. Graham, the matron, introduced them at the table. After lunch we toured the buildings and were given a report of the work they do, which at present offers institutional care for eight girls, ages 6 to 17 years, and sixteen boys, from 6 to 15 years, who are mostly from "problem homes." Just as in well regulated families the McDonnell children share the daily tasks to be done such as serving meals, sweeping and cleaning. They also have plenty of time for fun on the spacious playground equipped with basketball, slides, etc. They receive individual care and specialized services through the mental hygiene, psychiatric, child guidance, evaluation, and vocational centers and clinics as well as the influence of Christian staff members who strive to help meet their special spiritual needs. They attend the public schools and participate in the various school activities, church school and church activities and services.

Then on to Dulac. It seems to me that of all the places, Dulac was the one that reached deepest into the hearts of our own group. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brunson, both graduates of the University of Florida, have given their lives to Mission work and they are living way down in the Bayous working among the Indians there, with nothing to speak of to work with. They have a kindergarten, and now have twenty-three Indian children. The purpose is to teach them to speak English before they enter school, rather than to spend a year in first grade just learning English, and putting them back all the way through school, as well as learning hygiene, club work, recreation, and informal education for all ages. The Brunsons reach about 650 Indians in their work.

The cry at each place is for workers—as in Jesus' time—"truly the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

After leaving Dulac we were given a talk on Sagar Brown—we could not go there as our time was too limited. We had our hymn-singing-time on the way back to Hammond, arriving there a little after schedule, but with a great deal of knowledge about our home state Missions we did not have before.

Christelle Knight of Bogalusa writes:

We just completed our study on "Japan". It was certainly one of our best, if not the best. We are fortunate in having such a good Missionary Education Chairman, Miss Sara Wadsworth. One of the highlights of this study was having Mrs. Shelby Loving talk to us about Japan. She lives in our town now, married to an American boy, being born in Japan of Chinese parents, but residing in Japan until about two years ago. She allowed us to ask her questions concerning Japan, and answered all of them very intelligently. We've invited her to visit us again. We expect to receive JR credit for this study.

During the Week of Prayer we held a special service. We invited the women of the W. S. C. S. to join us in this. It was a very inspirational time for us all. During our prayer time we only had candle light. Of course we took our offering. Later the same week the W. S. C. S. had a Quiet Day at the Church. They invited the Guild to join them for lunch and meditation at noon, which about 10 were able to do. We enjoyed this and appreciated the W. S. C. S. ladies inviting us.

On Nov. 10 our Guild joined other Guilds of the Baton Rouge District for a Mission Tour. This happy experience will be reported to you by Maggie Wood. Thanks to the good committee who worked out all the plans and details. Things like that really stimulate more interest in our projects.

We are having splendid attendance at our meetings, and that pleases us greatly.

Enjoyed your last issue of Guild Times. Looking forward to this next one."

First Church, Baton Rouge, certainly has an ideal Reporter for its Guild. The interesting articles that made the social columns of their daily paper remind those who read it that the Wesleyan Service Guild at First Methodist Church, under the leadership of Ruth Travis and a grand chore of officers, has a wide-awake organization for employed women and a program that will challenge the interest of any progressive, Christian business woman.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Marilyn Carter, District Secretary

The Lafayette District Wesleyan Service Guild held a seminar on Sunday, September 22, 1957 at the Centenary Methodist Church with the Rayne Guild as hostess. Mrs. John Nunez, District Missionary Education Chairman, presided at the seminar. Mrs. Pete Devillier, President of the Rayne Guild welcomed the 35 members present. An opening meditation was given by Miss Marilyn Carter, District Secretary. Mrs. Nunez gave a preview of the 1957-58 study plans.

Presentation of "The Social Witness of the Local Church in the Ecumenical Movement" was given by Miss Claire McKinnon, District W. S. C. S. Christian Social Relations Secretary.

Presentation of "Christ, the Church and Race" was given by Mrs. P. D. Lambert, District W. S. C. S. President.

Mrs. Kenneth Trumps, District W. S. C. S. Secretary of Promotion, presented the theme "Japan".

Presenting "The Gospel According to St. Mark" was Miss Maree White, Opelousas Guild Missionary Education Chairman.

Mrs. Paul Lasseigne, District W. S. C. S. Treasurer, had on display a number of worship settings appropriate to the different studies.

This was our first missionary education seminar and we feel it will do much to stimulate interest in the studies for this year.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Lena Sweeney, District Secretary

From the Lake Charles District comes two reports of interest: Reporting from the Wesleyan Service Guild of Jennings, Maurine Buch: "We were privileged to hear Rev. Harold Jackson, the Presbyterian minister, in a joint meeting with the Presbyterian ladies and our W. S. C. S. ladies, review the book "The Kingdom Beyond Caste" during the month of October. The W. S. C. S. was host to this occasion.

Miss Mary Shafer was in charge of the November program "Our Home Mission Centers and Race". Assisting Miss Shafer with the interesting program were: Mrs. A. A. Miessner, Mrs. Elmer Harris, Mrs. Ella Lee Faulk, Mrs. Jessie Knight, Mrs. Eugene Tuthill, and Mrs. Kenneth McDowell. Mrs. Adam Daigle and Mrs. W. J. Fields were hostesses to a large group at this meeting.

Open House was held as a farewell gesture for the Crichlow family, now in Bogalusa. A similar affair was given also to welcome our new pastor, Rev. Kenneth McDowell and family. They come to us from Vivian. The public was invited to each occasion. Mrs. McDowell is serving as our co-ordinator. Plans are in the making for observing Guild Month in January."

Bernice Stewart of Lake Arthur writes:

"As publicity chairman of the Lake Arthur W. S. G., I have been asked to report that our Guild chose as its project this past quarter the collecting of clothing and household supplies for the victims of Hurricane Audrey in Cameron Parish.

This writer was born and reared in Grand Chenier. Of the large old home, barns, and other outbuildings on my mother's property nothing remains. The same is true of the possessions of many of our relatives and friends. In fact, some of our cousins lost their lives.

We solicit your prayers throughout the state that those surviving this awful ordeal may ever live close to the Master of the storms of life and that we who were more fortunate than they may do likewise.

Yours in Christ,  
Bernice H. Stewart"

From the Julia Reid Circle of First Church, Lake Charles comes following news article sent in by Mrs. A. D. (Cora) Bulloch:

"We have recently completed the study "Cross and Crisis in Japan". The Dorothy Dunbar Circle met with us for the study. It was held in four sessions, two Sunday afternoons and two Tuesday night sessions. The attendance was good. There was a different leader each session and others were also on the program. We had so much extra material and one of our members had visited in Japan last summer (the editor surmises that must have been Merle Whitman) and had brought back a number of things that were on display during the study. We had a film and at the last session a Japanese woman was present to answer questions and to tell of their customs. Winnie Gregory was in charge of the study.

We have an interested group in our Guild and the attendance is good at each meeting."



## MONROE DISTRICT

Ruth Guthrie, District Secretary

Monroe District has had some interesting and profitable happenings within the District since we last reported in Guild Times. The District Meeting at Columbia was well attended and the Columbia Guild members were very cordial hosts to the occasion. The District Retreat was held the weekend of October 12-13 at Camp Alabama, near Choudrant. The beautiful camp site, owned by the Presbyterian Church, truly depicted God in nature—the rolling hills, covered with almost every tree known to north Louisiana, a beautiful lake winding itself past the cabin sites and vesper point, the spacious fellowship hall and chapel—and complete quiet and sanctity for those who wanted to “come apart for a time of meditation and fellowship”. Much credit goes to Harriet Russell, Spiritual Life District Chairman, and her committee, for a successful weekend. The attendance was small because of so much illness, and, too, those who could do so were saving their only weekend for the Tour to South Louisiana. The biggest disappointment imaginable occurred when the Tour had to be cancelled. After hearing of the successful tour completed by the Guilds of Baton Rouge District the disappointment was even keener . . . The Tour with a Mission is still on the agenda of the future for Monroe District.

From Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, comes two interesting news items: Rev. Ralph Cain, Minister, at the request of the Board of Stewards, declared September the month to emphasize women's work in the church. At each worship service a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild or the Woman's Society of Christian Service presented a 3 minute talk on various phases of women's work. Guild members who spoke were Mrs. Dan McDuff, president; Mrs. M. L. Mason, Mrs. Inas Gwin and Mrs. E. S. Parrish. On September 29th, at the evening service Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy addressed the congregation on a Christian's Responsibility in the World. Being a very able speaker, this was a fitting climax to the month's observance.

On Sunday, October 6th, the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild honored all women of the church with a Tea from 3 til 5, in the church parlor.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. J. H. Walker, president of the Society, Mrs. Ralph Cain, wife of the pastor, and Mrs. Dan McDuff, president of the Guild. Mrs. Barr Corry attended the guest book.

A blush pink cloth covered the refreshment table, which featured at one end a charming arrangement of fall roses blending with graceful sprays of Rosa Montana. On either side of the roses were lighted tapers in an identical shade of pink. At the other end of the table was an old-fashioned cut-glass bowl filled with tangy, refreshing punch. and a tempting array of delicious home-made dainties completed the appointment. Alternating at the punch bowl were: Mrs. W. W. Stevens, Mrs. Jim Davis, Mrs. W. C. Honeycutt, and Mrs. M. L. Mason.

From Ruth Lane Read, President of the Tallulah Guild came the following:

“Dear Guild Members and Prospective Guild Members:

During the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial we are holding morning prayer meeting at the church. We will begin our first prayer meeting, Monday, October 28, at 7:15 A. M., and finish before 7:45 A. M. We have planned the following program of meditation:

Monday: Commitment.

Devotional—Brother Mayo.

Project: Peek Home—Polly Holt.

Tuesday: The Church—Mrs. Frances Robinson.

Project: Friendship Home—Billye Davis.

Wednesday: Fellowship: Mrs. Bessie Lanehart.

Project: Hiroshima Jo Guakin—Mayne O'Shea.

Thursday: Identification with Peoples of the Worlds: Mrs. Norman Mier.

Project: Tokyo-Aoyama Gakuin—Mrs. M. Gustafson.

Friday: Thy Love the Flame—Elizabeth Thompson.

Project: Esther Hall—Mrs. Ruth Read.

Please set aside the early morning time and pray and worship with us.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth M. Thompson, Chairman  
Spiritual Life Committee”

Your Conference Secretary will spend the month of January in El Paso, Texas, visiting her son, Bob Rabun. If you wish to write Minza, or need any assistance from her as you make your plans to attend the Spring Conference in Monroe in March, she will be happy to hear from you. Her address while there will be: Mrs. Minza Rabun, 3925 McKinley Avenue, El Paso.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

On September 10, the Guilds of the New Orleans District had a barbecue supper, with Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary as guest of honor. The supper was at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Eggerton, 4636 St. Ferdinand Street, Gentilly Woods. Mrs. Eggerton is a member of Gentilly Church Guild. The supper was in charge of Mrs. Millie Millard of Rayne Memorial Guild, with Margaret McGowan of Gentilly Guild and Leola Bell of Munholland Guild as helpers. They prepared a delicious supper enjoyed by everyone. The affair was quite informal and the group was led in singing by Mrs. Martha Overbey, Coordinator of Covington Guild. The fellowship gained through this get-together of the District was so wonderful that it was agreed to try to have a similar function each quarter with three or four units in charge.

The Guilds of the New Orleans District are having a book review on Sunday, December 1 at 3 p. m. in the recreation room of Gentilly Methodist Church. Mr. Harnett Kane, well known New Orleans author, will review his latest book, The Gallant Mrs. Stone-wall. The units in charge of this affair are Second Methodist, Gentilly, Church of the Redeemer and St. Mark's.

Geraline Rivet of Carrollton Methodist Church Guild reports:

The Carrollton Methodist Guild and three other Wesleyan Service Guilds; namely, Rayne, First, and Metairie have just completed the study “Cross and Crisis in Japan”. Miss Sophie Kuntz, a retired deaconess, was the teacher. At the last class session we had a Japanese dinner complete with Japanese food, green tea, and three girls dressed in authentic Japanese kimonos served the tables. As a result of the study Carrollton Guild is making a contribution to a school for girls in Japan, will invite a Japanese college student to their Christmas party and pay a social call on a Methodist Japanese lady working in New Orleans. It is hoped she will become a member of the Guild.

Lynn Foil of Metairie Guild reports:

The Metairie Guild is “back in the swing” after having adjourned for the summer months. In October they were honored to have Miss Maragaret McGowan, Conference Secretary of Supply Work and Miss Mildred Evans, New Orleans District Secretary at their meeting.

In observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, Mrs. Audrey Winn, beautifully planned Sacrificial Supper at which bread was broken and passed by candle light. The offering this night was accepted for designated missions.

The November meeting was held at the Wesley Foundation at Tulane University. Speaker for the night was the Rev. Clarence Snelling, Director of the Foundation.

Mrs. Charlene Bickford, President of Munholland Guild reports:

Munholland Guild will hold their annual Christmas party in December at which time a gift of a hobby horse will be given to a spastic child in a foster home in Metairie.

Mrs. Ruth Robbins, President of Rayne Memorial Guild reports:

Rayne Memorial Guild, together with Carrollton, First Methodist and Metairie Guilds just completed the study “Cross and Crisis in Japan.” The study was most inspiring and the results were wonderful.

Rayne Memorial will hold its annual Christmas party for the Methodist Home Hospital on December 16, at which time gifts will be distributed to the girls at the Home. There will be games and refreshments. A Christmas basket and gifts will be given to a deserving family to be selected by Mildred Lestler a member who is a social worker.

A Christmas party for the members of Rayne Memorial Guild will be given, with Lucille Wells and Ruth Robbins as hostesses, at which time gifts will be exchanged.

Mildred Evans of Second Methodist Guild reports:

Members of Second Methodist Church Guild are holding their study “Cross and Crisis in Japan”, which they will finish Wednesday, December 4. The study is being conducted by Mrs. Arthur J. Haas, Chairman of Missionary Education and Service. The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Second Church has joined the Guild in this study. Hostesses for the study classes were Mrs. Kathryn Wallace, Mrs. Naomi Duhy and Mrs. Carmel Graci. The final session will be held at the home of Mrs. Kathryn Wallace, President of the Guild.

On Monday night, November 18, members of the Guild met at



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the home of Mrs. Haas to wrap and tag Christmas gifts for 36 kindergarten children at Sagar Brown Home. Story book dolls for the girls, toy trucks for the boys, coloring books, crayola and balls for all 36 children were the gifts. After the gifts were wrapped, tagged and packed for shipping, a delicious snack of sandwiches, stuffed eggs, coffee and cake was served by our hostess, Mrs. Haas.

The annual Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 11, at the home of Mrs. Arthur J. Haas. Everybody is looking forward to this event knowing what a wonderful hostess we have for the occasion.

Beverly Biehler of Gretna Guild reports:

We have just finished a most enjoyable study of St. Mark with the Woman's Society of Christian Service for which we hope to get JR credit.

We are now planning our next study course Cross and Crisis in Japan for the early spring.

Two projects being worked on at this time are sunshine basket and a minstrel to be held on January 19, 1958.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Sue Batton, District Secretary

Ruston District had its coaching conference on September 29th., at the Methodist Camp at Caney Lake, with a large attendance. Conference women had charge of the coaching and at the end of the day we were served a delicious chicken dinner in the dining hall of the camp, and everyone enjoyed the fellowship together.

As District Secretary of Ruston District, I attended a workshop in Alexandria on November 20-21. The workshop was under the direction of Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Vice President of W. S. C. S. Members of the team who lead were Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader, Conference President of New Orleans; Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Jurisdiction Secretary of Shreveport; Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild. The purpose of the workshop was to improve techniques of promotion of the purposes of the W. S. C. S. and Wesleyan Service Guild. A similar workshop will be conducted in the District after the first of the year.

Thanks to all the Guilds of Ruston District for a marvelous job the first half of our Guild fiscal year. Over half of our budget for the year has been paid. We have gained 25 new members, observed all special days and now making preparation for Guild month in January. Some of the best study courses in history of Ruston District, with others to follow.

From Jonesboro Mrs. Finely Sneed reporting:

"On September 9th the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Jonesboro Methodist Church held its annual membership banquet with nineteen in attendance, including three prospective members. After a very delicious meal the President, Miss Effie Smartt, made an interesting talk, followed by an evening of contest and games. On September 29th Miss Effie Smartt, President, Mrs. C. H. Matthews, Treasurer; Mrs. Faye Fredieu, Secretary and Mrs. Finley Sneed, Publicity Chairman, attended the Wesleyan Service Guild Coaching Conference at Caney Lake. The Guild members are now studying the mission course "Cross and Crisis in Japan" by Charles W. Iglehart."

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Arline Tyler, District Secretary

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT WEEK-END

The Shreveport District experienced a very pleasant week-end retreat in work and Christian fellowship at Caney Lake Camp September 28th and 29th.

Before the convening session, the Standing Guild Committee of the District met with the District Secretary, Arline Tyler for our quarterly meeting.

The opening meeting began at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon with the theme for the week-end being "Til Christ Shall Dwell In Every Heart". Hazel Cooper, District Missionary Education Chairman, introduced Mrs. James Whittaker, Mrs. Mary Pierson, Mrs. Minza Rabun, and Mrs. F. M. Freeman, Jr. who presented the approved studies for the year.

Fellowship in song was enjoyed very much by all under the leadership of Miss Linnette Davis, accompanied by Mrs. Eleanor Delafat at the piano.

Sunday morning worship was led by Mrs. B. E. Rodgers. Mrs.

Rodgers introduced the speaker for the morning, Mrs. John B. Entrikin who chose for her talk "Christ In Every Heart".

Many plans were made for the future. The nearest event in sight is to be the annual Shreveport District S. S. G. Supper to be held January 10th, 1958 at Mangum Memorial Church in recognition of Guild Month.

A wonderful week-end was enjoyed by all with a total registration of 61. Eleven out of nineteen Guilds were represented.

—Reported by Betty Hill, Publicity Chairman

## JANUARY IS GUILD MONTH

The following suggestions were given you in Methodist Woman last January. We know you are doing many interesting things to observe Guild Month. If your plans are not already made, these suggestions might help you with last minute ideas.

"Every month is Guild month for the Guild member. But for the sake of publicizing the Wesleyan Service Guild we hope you will use the month of January to do some special things to let others know the important work you are doing:

Be sure to display the poster of the Guild emblem in your church.

Ask the minister for space in the church bulletin. If you can have a short article each week, make a statement each time on one of the phases of the work: (1) a channel for employed women; (2) spiritual enrichment; (3) Christian fellowship; (4) developing a World Christian Community.

Try to get newspaper and radio publicity.

See that women who should be in the Guild get the leaflet, Women Who Work, available at Literature Headquarters.

Consider the possibility of a new unit in your church if you are not reaching the young working women in your present unit. Talk it over with your pastor.

In your daily devotions pray for the work and the workers of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Evaluate your own Guild unit as individuals and as a group. Is it living up to its purpose?

Consider the possibility of a dramatic presentation of the Guild emblem. (See article on "Presenting the Guild Emblem.")

Also: If you have not already done so, plan a joint meeting with the W. S. C. S. Consider a District-wide dinner or supper meeting with other Guilds. Place leaflets in the foyer of your church. Secure list of employed women from your Church secretary and cultivate their membership. "Take them" to your meetings. Make them feel important.

Since our last edition of Guild Times our Conference Chairman of Spirit Life, Helen Adams, changed her name and address, as many of you already know. We are very happy for Helen and certainly congratulate the Lucky Mr. Preston for winning such a prize. We will greatly miss Helen and the inspiration she always created, for Texas now claims her. Her address is: Mrs. Gerald Preston, 2811 Iola Street, Apt. 8, Houston, Texas. We are hoping that Helen can visit us at our Spring Meeting in Monroe.

When the Conference Officers and District Secretaries met at Ed-Mary's Court, Alexandria, September 14-15 a very profitable and busy time was had. The owners of Ed-Mary's Court offered us the hospitality of their own living room for our meetings and even permitted us the use of their kitchen from which to serve our supper and breakfast. The girls found that Minza not only excels as a Conference Secretary, but she also prepares superb bacon and scrambled eggs and early morning coffee. The meeting was concluded with dinner at the Holiday Inn at Sunday noon.

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## MISS MARGUERITE TWINEM SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, WOMAN'S DIVISION TO ATTEND CONFERENCE



MISS MARGUERITE TWINEM

(Your editor is glad that this article arrived in time for this issue, even though a kind printer has had to put it on the last page).

We are most fortunate that we can have two representatives from the Woman's Division at our Spring Conference—which gives you a double reason for being among those present. Miss Twinem serves in the same department of recruitment as does Miss Alpharetta Leeper who so ably represented the Division at our 1957 Conference.

On Thursday evening a Wesleyan Service Guild dinner will be conducted during the Woman's Society of Christian Service Conference. Miss Twinem will be the guest speaker, and her topic will be "A Calling to Fulfill".

Miss Twinem has had a very interesting life. She was born on a farm in Nebraska, but moved with her parents and 3 sisters to California where she entered high school at Anaheim, Calif. Her college work was in Redlands University, Redlands, Calif. After teaching school for 3 years she was sent to China by the Pacific branch of the W. F. M. S. as an educational missionary working in various schools and churches in Tientsin and Changli in North China and in Nanking during the last 2 years there (1949-50) while the Communists were in control of the government. In Nanking she worked in the Union Bible Teachers' Training School and in Central Methodist Church. One thing that added joy to her work in China was the close relationship between missionaries and national workers and between Protestants interdenominationally.

Miss Twinem returned to America in 1951 and was Minister of Youth at First Methodist Church in Riverside, California when she was called by the Board of Missions into the Division office of missionary personnel. While Miss Twinem was on furlough from service in China she studied and received her M. A. degree at the Kennedy School of Missions in Hartford, Conn., and her B. D. degree from Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois.

Wesleyan Service Guild members of Louisiana Conference look forward with eagerness to the privilege of personally knowing Miss Marguerite Twinem of our Division office.

Attractive Year Books have continued to come in to the editor. First Church, Baton Rouge, Ruth Travis, President, combined their year book with that of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of that church—a very detailed publication. First Church, Shreveport, Unit No. 1, Mrs. Katherine Riddle, President, and Mangum Memorial, Unit No. 1, Gertrude Taylor, President, sent in attractive year books. First Church, Monroe, Ruth Whatley, President, and Memorial Methodist, Monroe, Genieville McDuff, President, now have books in the editor's files. All of these books permit planning ahead, and give each member an excellent roll of names and addresses, with dates for important meetings etc. scheduled.

## 1958 PRAYER CALENDAR

Have you ordered your 1958 Prayer Calendar? Possibly some Guild members are not familiar with the publication. Won't you refer to page 33 of the December Methodist Woman? This attractive purse size booklet which contains the names of all missionaries and deaconesses under the Woman's Division and the Division of World Missions both at home and abroad, gives you a daily suggestion for your prayer time, together with the birthdays of all men and women who represent you in the far-flung mission fields, as well as here at home. The back of the Calendar gives an alphabetical listing of all men and women serving the Missionary Fields of our great church.

The Prayer Calendar costs only 60c. You might order 3 for \$1.50 and share them with your friends. Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Imagine what strength and encouragement can come from knowing that on a certain day you and your work are being prayed for by countless thousands of fellow Methodists throughout the world. Possibly you will want to send birthday cards to these Christian workers. Many suggestions for valued use are given in the 1958 Prayer Calendar.

## POST SCRIPT

You would have been disappointed had your editor not come up with this post script, even though I can't tell you I went "over the top". But I did get close enough to the peak to see the sun rise. You Guilders have been so wonderful in your response. I have addressograph plates made on 490 subscribers. The best news is that almost every Guild in the Conference is now on the list. I still believe that those ten needed will come in, even though the subscriber might have missed the first issue.

And let me thank each of you secretaries and publicity chairmen for the fine way in which your news came in. As you see, it required an eight page edition to give you readers all the news that I have received.

Your spring issue may have less pages (to conserve on expense) but it will carry reports on the Spring Meeting. Seems that I can't write on any subject without mentioning the SPRING MEETING. But not only First Church, Monroe, the hostess church, but Memorial Methodist of Monroe, First Methodist in West Monroe, and every Guild in the Monroe District is thinking and planning for your coming. First Church Guild, Ruth Whatley, President, has named Mary Lee Barbee as general chairman. Since Monroe District is also the home District of our Conference Secretary, Minza is also sitting in and assisting on all plans. So you Guilds can well look forward to a wonderful Spring Meeting. With our own Lillian Johnson from Division headquarters as our honor guest, we can look for and expect big things. Monroe is so proud of this privilege and the welcome mat is already in evidence—just waiting for you to step over the threshold to the registration table. You will receive further information on registration, hotel reservations, etc., so be on the lookout. It would be so grand if EVERY GUILD in the Louisiana Conference could have at least one delegate.

So—bye for now. May the New Year find you ever near your Master as you strive daily to live the Spirit of Christ for All of Life. May God abundantly bless each of you.

Elizabeth Langford  
Guild Times Editor

## HERE AND THERE

In last minute news (just before Christmas) your Chairman of Supply Work reported on the wonderful response to the Sager-Brown Project for Christmas. Besides all of the cash that was sent in, every one of the names of the boys and girls of the 5th and 6th grades which were suggested to you to receive Christmas Gifts were taken. We know that the children at Sager-Brown School and Community Center had a wonderful Christmas because of the Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guilds.

Received just before going to press: "I am not sure whether I have paid my Guild Times Subscription for this year. If I have paid it (she had not) please credit me with another year's subscription." Come on, somebody else have this idea!

Your editor liked the following letter: "Enclosed is a check for \$2.00 for one subscription to Guild Times for myself, and \$1.00 to be used either as a contribution to expenses, or for someone you think will appreciate this publication that so well depicts the Louisiana Guild work. I would like the Istrouma W. S. G. of Baton Rouge to have the credit for my subscription. Your first edition of Guild Times deserves high praise.—Neva Rye, Gonzales.





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## The Seventh Annual Meeting of The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds Convened In Monroe, March 22-23 With Largest Registration To Date

All of the preparation, anticipation and realization of a wonderful conference is now history.

The 18th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, which preceded the Guild Conference set the tempo for an inspiring time together under a challenging theme "Missions—Endless Line of Splendor". The attention of the women of the Society was directed to a knowledge of, and appreciation for, the work of the Wesleyan Service Guilds, a sister organization within the Woman's Division. With the capable guidance of Miss Marguerite Twinem, Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Miss Lillian Johnson, Executive Secretary to Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Woman's Division, and the presence of Mrs. Minza Rabun, our own Conference Secretary, programs and discussions on the work of the Guild highlighted much of the Conference. It was felt that our women increased in knowledge concerning the important place that this particular group of women occupies in the total program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader, President of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and always a devotee of the Wesleyan Service Guilds, remained to attend the entire Guild Conference, as did Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary of Literature and Publications and Mrs. Glenn Laskey, a member of the Guild Committee of the Woman's Division.

... Then on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, under the direction of Sara Kennon and the Rayville Guild, registration to the 7th Annual Guild Conference began. From that moment until late Sunday afternoon, when the last Guild guest started homeward there was one



THE MURAL BEHIND THE SPEAKERS' TABLE, ILLUSTRATING THE THEME OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE—"MISSIONS"—ENDLESS LINE OF SPLENDOR". THE FIGURES ARE PAINTED IN VIVID COLORS ON A PANEL 16 FEET WIDE AND 9 FEET HIGH. THE PAINTING WAS DONE BY MRS. GUY (THURLA) BORDELON OF FIRST CHURCH GUILD, MONROE.



MISS LILLIAN JOHNSON, WOMAN'S DIVISION SECRETARY TO WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILDS, MRS. MINZA RABUN, LOUISIANA CONFERENCE SECRETARY, AND MISS MARGUERITE TWINEM, SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL OF THE WOMAN'S DIVISION.

wonderful experience after another as friends met again, new long anticipated acquaintances were made, and delegates rushed here and yonder to the various meetings, dinners and other details of a well planned program.

Those in attendance were high in their praise of the Conference. Monroe District Guilds, with Ruth Guthrie, District Secretary, Mrs. Mary Lee Barbee, General Chairman, and the hostess churches are humbly proud of the large registration, the cordiality of the guests and the willingness of all who contributed to the success of the meetings. Registration showed 179 registered, representing 50 Guilds. There were 30 guests, attending the dinner for missions, or the Sunday morning breakfast. The Guilds, by Districts, were: Alexandria: 4 Guilds, 12 members; Baton Rouge: 6 Guilds, 16 members; Lafayette: 3 Guilds, 7 members; Lake Charles: 5 Guilds, 11 members; Monroe: 10 Guilds, 77 members; New Orleans: 9 Guilds, 21 members; Ruston: 4 Guilds, 13 members; Shreveport, 9 Guilds, 22 members.

Following the Executive meeting at Hotel Frances, Saturday morning, the Conference convened at 2:00 p. m. in the First Methodist Church, Mrs. Minza Rabun, presiding. Welcome was extended by Miss Ruth Whatley, president of the First Church Guild, and Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, host pastor. After a presentation of the Standing Rules, and "Conference Guilds in Action", a most impressive Pledge Service was presented, conducted by Mrs. Glenn Laskey. The following pledges were made by Districts, based on a membership basis:

Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds pledge to Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service 1958-59: Alexandria, \$1,590.00; Baton Rouge, \$1,998.00; Lafayette, \$758.00; Lake Charles, \$1,695.00; Monroe, \$1,905.00; New Orleans, \$1,913.00; Ruston, \$1,943.00; Shreveport, \$2,573.00. Total conference pledge: \$14,375.00.

At the election of officers, the Conference elected Miss Sue

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## SUE BATTON YOUR NEWLY ELECTED CONFERENCE SECRETARY



On Saturday afternoon of the Conference you elected Sue Batton of Minden as your new Conference Secretary to succeed Minza Rabun of Bastrop. You will be interested in knowing something of the training and background of this efficient young Christian woman whom you will come to know in so many ways as she serves you and the Louisiana Conference. We are fortunate in securing the leadership of such a consecrated Christian. Between these lines you will discover that Sue has already devoted her talents to that "endless line of splendor" in her church and wherever her abilities have led her.

Sue is a member of the First Methodist Church of Minden. She serves on the Official Board and on the Finance Committee of that church. At present she is chairman of the Commission on Missions, as well as being a member of the choir. Sue is a charter member of the Wesleyan Service Guild, which was organized in 1939. She has served as President 3 different times and has been on all committees. She has been most active in departmental work in the church school, and has served for 3 years as counsellor of the young people.

Sue is most interested in Retreats, and has served as director in several church retreats in Louisiana and Texas. At the time of her selection she was District Secretary of the Ruston District Guilds.

Sue is a graduate law student, having completed her studies at Centenary College and Tulane University. She is at present maintaining her own office as Tax Consultant in Minden. She also has a diploma from Union Tax Institute in New Jersey and has had business administration and a course in oil and gas.

Our newly elected secretary has filled an important place in the community life of Minden. She belongs to several civic clubs; the Business and Professional Women's Club; the Order of the Eastern Star and is a stockholder in Pine Hills Country Club.

As Sue gives of herself and her many abilities to the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds, we pray that God will guide her and bless those whom she serves.

## MARILYNN CARTER NEW CONFERENCE RECORDING SECRETARY

At the Spring Conference you elected Marilynn Carter of New Iberia as your Recording Secretary to succeed Jenibe Westbrook of Monroe. Marilynn says that she is one of the newer Guild members of the Conference. She joined the Wesleyan Service Guild in 1950, has served as its President and is now Chairman of Missionary Education. When the Lafayette District was formed as a part of the Louisiana Conference, Marilynn was elected District Secretary and has just terminated 4 years of very active service in that capacity.

As with most of our Guilders who assume Conference leadership, Marilynn has been very active in her local church. Among other activities, for five years she has served as Secretary to the Official Board.

In the business world Marilynn is employed by an Accounting firm in New Iberia. She is treasurer of the Order of the Eastern Star in New Iberia and is also a past Matron.

Under her leadership Marilynn helped to develop a very strong group of Guilds within the Lafayette District. Her many experiences will qualify her as "keeper of the records" for Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guilds during the coming 2 years.

Helen Adams Preston, former Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life, now living in Houston, wrote of her disappointment at not being able to attend the Spring Conference, and added: "Elizabeth, your last issue of Guild Times was excellent. As a matter of fact I keep it right handy so I can re-read it."

## ARLINE TYLER, CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN OF SPIRITUAL LIFE



Most of the Guilds of Louisiana already know Arline Tyler, your new Chairman of Spiritual Life, who will succeed Helen Adams (Preston). Arline was born in Zwolle, La. She earned her B. A. Degree at Northwestern College, Natchitoches, and her M. A. Degree at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee. She was commissioned as a Deaconess in the Methodist Church in 1943.

Arline served under the Woman's Division of Christian Service for 8 years, with assignments in the North Alabama and St. Louis Conferences. She served at Gum Moon Residence in San Francisco during the summer of 1951. In the winter of 1948 she served in a special Missionary recruitment program for the Woman's Division and the Student Volunteer Movement of America. This work included colleges in Missouri, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. She served as Missionary resource person and speaker at both Conference and Jurisdictional Schools of Missions, Conferences and Assemblies.

Upon request, Arline was granted an honorable discharge from the office of Deaconess in 1957. At present she is teaching in the public school systems of Shreveport - Alexander Elementary. She has served as an officer in the Caddo Teachers' Assn., and Kappa Kappa Iota Sorority, National Educational Sorority. She is on the Education Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and 5th grade critic teacher at Centenary College.

Arline is an active member of Noel Methodist Church; has served as teacher and associate teacher in the Adult Division of the Church School; Evangelistic and Visitation Programs. She has been very active in Wesleyan Service Guild work in her local church and District Chairman of Missionary Education. She has just completed 4 years of service as District Secretary of the Shreveport District.

We already know that Arline's dedicated Christian life will spread its influence throughout the Louisiana Conference as she guides our spiritual thinking and draws us more closely to fellowship with our Master as we discover for ourselves the Spirit of Christ for All of Life.

## IN MEMORIAM

Sorrow and the loss of loved ones in the immediate families of our Guild members throughout the Louisiana Conference has been reported to Guild Times. Our deepest sympathy goes to the families of our members. We thank God that these dear friends are blessed with the Christian faith and courage that will be exemplified through these hours of emptiness and loss. May we remember them in our prayers.

### Our Deceased

Gertrude E. Daubs, a member of the Leesville Guild.  
The mother of Mary Louise Jones, Pineville Guild.  
The mother of Mrs. Velma McSween, our Conference Treasurer.  
The husband of Annie Seidenspinner, First Church, Monroe.  
The father of Jenibe Westbrook, First Church, Monroe and our Conference Recording Secretary.  
The mother of Mrs. G. C. Dameron, Jonesboro.  
The father of Dorothy Dunbar, Opelousas Guild.  
The sister of Emma, Helena and Sophie Kuntz, Carrollton Avenue Guild, New Orleans.  
The brother of Maree White, Opelousas Guild.

During the Conference one could hear comments such as "Don't you miss Grace Lawson, Lillian Kennedy, Vera See, Aileen Hyslop, and many, many others among the old faithful."



## THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

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Batton of Minden as Conference Secretary, succeeding Mrs. Minza Rabun; Miss Arline Tyler of Shreveport as Spiritual Life Chairman, succeeding Mrs. Helen Adams Preston; and Miss Marilyn Carter of New Iberia as Recording Secretary, succeeding Miss Jenibe Westbrook.

After the business session the delegates attended a Tea in the fellowship hall with the Bastrop Guild as hostess. The beautifully appointed tables were centered with spring flower arrangements carrying out the Guild colors, and laden with delicious refreshments.

The Dinner for Missions on the Cherokee Terrace of Hotel Frances was a veritable land of Japan. As the guests stepped off the elevator they were in an atmosphere of Japanese lanterns, cherry blossoms, Japanese dolls and souvenirs. The long banquet tables were centered with Japanese dolls, and at each table was a Japanese umbrella in miniature and a program in Lantern design. At the far end of the room, behind the speakers table a large mural, 16 feet wide and 9 feet high, illustrated in vivid colors the theme—"Missions—Endless Line of Splendor". People of every land marched in procession toward a lighted cross. The painting was an outstanding work of art, done by Mrs. Guy Bordelon of First Church Guild. It gave emphasis to each program, forming an impressive back-drop behind the speaker's table. Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin honored the Conference with their presence at the dinner. Many of the ministers and their wives also attended as guests of their respective Guilds. Mrs. F. G. Phillips, conference chairman of Missionary Education, presided.

One of the highlights of the evening's program was the presentation of Honorary Life Membership Pins to our retiring officers. Your editor had the pleasure of making the presentation. Miss Margaret McGowan of New Orleans chairmanned the task of securing the gifts for Missions and she reported going over the top. Miss Jenibe Westbrook, out-going Recording Secretary was given an Honorary Life Membership; Mrs. Helen Adams Preston, though absent, was also recipient of this honor, and our beloved Minza Rabun, out-going Conference Secretary was presented with an Honorary Patron's Life Membership Pin. This was only a small way of saying again "Thank you" to Minza for her outstanding leadership in our Conference.

The address of the evening "Watching or Marching—Which?" was delivered in a challenging manner by our very capable Miss Lillian Johnson of the Woman's Division. Speaking out of her own experiences as an employed woman within the ranks, she told of the importance of marching in that endless line of splendor—missions.

Saturday evening's program was concluded with a worship service and communion at the Memorial Methodist Church. Through the courtesy of the city, busses were made available to take the delegates to Memorial church. Miss Marguerite Twinem, Secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division, again challenged the delegates to an increased dedication of their time and talents as she spoke on "A Calling to Fulfill". Reverend Ralph Cain, Pastor, administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday morning at 7:00 the women entered a new day by attending a Quiet Breakfast on the Cherokee Terrace. The worship Center and the tables were conducive to the spirit of worship. Pictures of the Head of Christ and the Praying Hands, midst lighted candles and golden ivy leaves created the atmosphere which implied "with confidence we seek thy face and know our prayer is heard". Miss Arline Tyler, Spiritual Life Chairman, presiding, introduced Mrs. James T. Harris who gave the morning meditation.

After a brief intermission the program on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities was led with Mrs. E. T. Cowell, Conference Chairman, in charge. A skit presented by Mrs. Cowell, Miss Lillian Johnson, Miss Elizabeth Randol and Mrs. W. C. Lee very forcefully outlined the many ways in which this line of work can be emphasized within the local Guilds.

During the general session that followed delegates were elected to the coming assemblies and conferences to be held. Further business was completed. Upon invitation from Baton Rouge the 1959 Spring Conference will convene in that city. The conference again had the opportunity to hear Miss Johnson as she spoke of the wonderful opportunities offered the Guilds of the Louisiana Conference to enlist employed women in their ranks.

The Conference concluded its business in time to attend morning worship at the First Methodist Church where Dr. G. W. Pomeroy extended the guests a cordial welcome. The service was a fitting close to a most successful Guild Conference. Before returning to homes throughout Louisiana, an informal buffet lunch was served in the fellowship halls of the Educational Building, with the First Church, Monroe, Guild as hostesses.

This resume of the conference does not include the reports

on the lines of work, as each packet given the delegates contained therein a report from each chairman. It is hoped that these reports reached the hands of those in charge of such work in the local units and that they will be referred to time and again as you pursue your work on the local level.

The many letters and cards already received from you delegates after returning to your home are indicative of the success of the conference. BUT it has not ended . . . that was but the beginning of what can well be the most eventful year in Louisiana Guildom. Let us each and every one ally ourselves with our newly elected officers and organize new Guilds, strengthen old ones and continue to grow in the Spirit of Christ for All of Life.

Mary Gladys Page, a former Conference Secretary, now living in Mississippi in writing to Minza, said "your remark 'our Guild work is making progress' is a monumental understatement. I read Guild Times word for word and marvel at the strides the work has taken. The fact that the Conference has already enlisted three Guild editors who have moved forward in step with the over-all program proves how the Lord can use willing workers and how a live program well set up and carried out inspires so very many to put their best into the work." Thanks, Mary Gladys, for those encouraging words.

## YOUR GUILD TIMES EDITOR

Your editor is late with this edition of Guild Times. You who came to our wonderful Spring Conference in Monroe might guess my reason for delay. Of course I was most interested in seeing that I would do my little bit in getting ready to play hosts to the conference. We started months ago, and with the unexcelled cooperation of every one in Monroe District we feel most gratified at the results of the Conference. Being a member of the hosting church, I must be modest, so I can't brag on the Conference, but the many letters of appreciation and praise already received by those of us who shared in this happy privilege cause us to feel that our labors were not in vain. Each of us feels that we are blessed by our experiences, that we are more dedicated to Guild work, that we made more friends throughout Louisiana Guildom, that we are more familiar with Guild work on the Conference level, that we were fortunate to have even a few hours with folks like Miss Lillian Johnson and Miss Marguerite Twinem of the Woman's Division, Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. J. H. McSween and Mrs. Glenn Laskey of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. You blessed us for coming. Whatever we did to contribute to "Missions—endless line of splendor" will bear fruits within our own Christian growth. We are already eager to share your fellowship in Baton Rouge next Spring when we again convene as a spring conference.

I made my report on Guild Times on Sunday morning of the Conference. For you who were not present, I am sure that your District Secretary will pass the report down to you. During the Conference I received 3 more subscriptions, making our total 510, with subscriptions from 83 Guilds. It would be wonderful if we could report at least one subscriber from every Guild in the Conference. THAT will again be our goal next year.

If you are a subscriber, your name and address is on an addressograph plate. If there is an error in address, or an omission of names, please let me hear from you. You have been most kind in your reception of this YOUR Conference publication. Keep on sending in the news. We have one more edition in this Conference year. At that time we will tell you about Guild Week-end and our summer activities. May God bless you, always.

Elizabeth Langford  
Guild Times Editor

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# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Hello:

How can I ever thank you properly for the lovely Honorary Life Patron's Pin you gave me at the dinner for Missions during our 7th Annual Spring Meeting? It is so lovely, and I shall enjoy wearing it very much, and to think that all of that money you spent for it will go to missions in order that our work shall further be promoted somewhere in the 32 countries where the Woman's Division of Christian Service has work. I can never thank you enough, and I am deeply humbled by your generosity.

Our Spring Meeting in Monroe was the loveliest meeting, and I was happy to see so many of you there. I know that you are going to give Sue Batton, your newly elected conference secretary, the same love, devotion and support you have always given me. It has been wonderful working with each of you. Though I made many mistakes as I worked to promote the Guilds throughout our conference, but your sweet Christian spirit never wavered, and I have appreciated each of you very much, even when I was careless and did not acknowledge your efforts, rest assured they did not go unobserved. I have no regrets as I look back over the past 5-years, because I gave the best I had to our Guild work. Sometimes the vessel is weak and can do no more. I made a genuine effort to accept every invitation to come and visit you in your meetings, both local and district. I have attended all the executive meetings and conference meetings of The Woman's Society of Christian Service that I could possibly attend, and I have written literally hundreds of letters and various communications. All of this, and the wonderful help we had from our two past conference secretaries, has helped to make the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild the important organization it is today. I do not say this boastfully, but rather prayerfully and most humbly, because it is you, the local member, that has made us one of the most outstanding Guild Conferences within the Southcentral Jurisdiction, and I know that I can depend on you to keep up the good work. I am going to be on the fringe of things for awhile, but I want you to remember that I know what you can do, and I shall be expecting great things of you.

We are drawing near the close of our Guild year, 1957-58, and there are a few things that I need to say. Many of you are making no effort to report to your district Secretaries of Wesleyan Service Guild. Most of you report to your local WSCS Treasurers, and I hope, to your local Secretaries of Promotion, so why is it so difficult for you to report to your district secretaries? This is the only way your conference office has of knowing exactly what you are doing. I do so want a 100% report for my last one. Won't you please write yours on plain stationery, if you do not have a report book, and send it to your District Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild? I plan to write you a little note in a day or two—those of you who have not been reporting.

Elizabeth Langford, Editor Guild Times has done such a good job of getting subscriptions to our magazine, so please do not fail to renew your's when she sends out the notices. We worked this year to reach 500 subscriptions let's show our appreciation to Elizabeth by having 600 as our goal for 1958-59, and we can do it, too.

I am happy to report that we have three new units. One at Maplewood, Lake Charles District, Lena Sweeney, Secretary; one at Greenwood, Shreveport District, Arline Tyler, Secretary, Mrs. Beverly Bell, President, Box 75, Greenwood; one at Southside Methodist, Monroe District, Ruth Guthrie, Secretary, Monroe, La. You will find in your Recommendations that there is great need for more Guild Units and it is recommended that we be aware of this need.

Thank you again for your friendship, for your kind understanding of my limitations, but most of all for your part in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom through our Guild work.

Lovingly,  
Minza, your Conference Secretary

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT NEWS

Bee Sandefur, District Secretary

A BLUE ribbon to Bee for reporting her many District activities to your editor. The following report is digested from 4 interesting letters received from Bee since January 1st—wish I could publish them without deleting a single word:

"...thanks for sending the extra copies of Guild Times. I took them when I visited the Winnfield Guild—results—here are 4

subscriptions. We had a wonderful dinner with them, hospitality and fellowship we couldn't have deserved. We tried to bring them a little of our Officer training and District Workshop. District Officers accompanying me were Mrs. W. C. Lee, our Recording Secretary from Bunkie, Mrs. E. E. Roberts, Supply Secretary, and Marie Pace, Spiritual Life Secretary of Alexandria.

"The Bunkie Guild observed Guild Month with a notice in the Church bulletin each Sunday, using our theme, our Goals, our list of members, etc. The president, Mrs. Lee, presented me with a Life Membership pen as a Christmas gift—the most wonderful gift I ever had!

"...the Saturday before Christmas Rowena Lee and I visited Sager Brown School at Baldwin, taking with us a load of toys for 5th graders, plus 12 little beds made by our Juniors, with dolls asleep in each bed. Rosie Ann Cobb, the Superintendent of Sager Brown, explained the wonderful work of the school to us. What really impressed us most was the coffee table in her office just loaded down with Guild material.



"On January 23rd we visited the Jena Guild. It rained all the way there and we returned in a beautiful snow, but weather didn't worry those Jena girls, we had 100% attendance. We carried them a 'little'

officers training course and the Promotion Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Myrtice Ory, was eager to learn about what to put on reports. They have been busy in local church affairs and have been studying the Book of Mark. We encouraged them to meet the requirements for JR credit with this study... we urged them to attend the Conference in Monroe and Guild Weekend at Brewer... presented Guild Times to them, here are 2 subscriptions.

February 14... Have made 2 more visits with my faithful companions Marie Pace and Rowena Lee. February 12th we held a "little workshop" with the Colfax Guild. Plans were made to be hosts to the District Spiritual Life Retreat to be held on Sunday, March 9th.

"On February 13 we visited Trinity Guild in Alexandria. We had a wonderful meeting and such good fellowship. Mrs. Ruth Fullington gave a beautiful meditation on "Peace of Mind". (Bee sent in 2 subscriptions for Guild Times from Trinity).

"March 11th. I'm sending you a program used Sunday in Colfax for our first Spiritual Life Retreat. Colfax was a wonderful hostess Guild. We felt happy that we could 'come ye apart and rest awhile'. We had 5 Guilds represented and 35 members present. Marie Pace is the best Spiritual Life Secretary any District can boast of—she led the directed Scripture readings and prayers. In our prayers we remembered the Monroe Conference, Minza, a prayer of gratitude for her service, and for the Standing Committee at work on the Conference... So, until Monroe, March 20—Bee Sandefur."

Thelma Louise Jones, president of Pineville Guild reports: "Each year we select, by secret ballot, a outstanding member as the recipient of a Life Membership Pin. This year at our Christmas party Mrs. C. O. Chandler, 1957 winner, received the pin from Mrs. Travis Powell, the 1953 winner. The awarding of this honor is the highlight of our Christmas party, as everyone is anxious to know who is to be honored by her fellow Guilders."

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Mary Lucille Nappier, District Secretary

The Guilds of Baton Rouge District observed Guild Month in various ways. Your editor was privileged to worship at First Church, Baton Rouge, on the Sunday that the Guild members of First Church sat in a body at the morning worship (2 services) on January 12th. On the 23rd they held their annual dinner meeting. At that time they began their study on Japan, with Louise Beard, Chairman of Missionary Education, conducting the study, which was concluded in four lessons.



## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Marilynn Carter, District Secretary

The Lafayette District Standing Committee met Sunday, March 9th in Lafayette to make plans for the Annual District meeting. This meeting is to be held in Abbeville on Sunday, April 20th at 2:00 p. m. Each Guild President will bring reports of her Guild activities for the past year. Under new business will be the election of officers for the next two years. There will be an outstanding inspirational speaker to highlight the meeting. Lafayette District is looking forward to the Spring Conference in Monroe.

When the New Iberia Guild had their study "Paul's Letters to Local Churches", they were most fortunate in having Maree White of Opelousas teach the study. Maree drove from Opelousas to New Iberia for each of the four evenings—a total of 400 miles—this, after she had taught school all day. Maree is really to be commended for such a wonderful contribution to a neighboring Guild. Those who know of her devotion to Guild work say "that's just like Maree".

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Lena Sweeney, District Secretary

Lena writes that a Guild is in the process of being organized at Maplewood. Mrs. J. M. Lowery is acting president. By the time Guild Times is off the press they will have elected their officers. They have 12 prospective members. The Guilds of Louisiana Conference are proud of Maplewood . . . we'll watch your growth with pride.

Lake Charles District will hold its District meeting in the near future. Watch for the date. Every Guild is urged to have representation. It is election time—so come prayerfully and ask God's guidance in your selection of new District officers.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Leesville lost one of its valued members on December 27th. The following resolution, paying tribute to the memory of Gertrude Daubs, was adopted by the Guild:

### A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has called our beloved sister and co-worker, GERTRUDE E. DAUBS, to a more noble and glorious service in his heavenly kingdom, and,

WHEREAS, we cherish her memory and feel keenly the loss of her companionship and Christian service, and,

WHEREAS, Gertrude E. Daubs had for many years been a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church of Leesville, Louisiana, and had rendered outstanding service as an officer and member of our organization, and,

WHEREAS, we desire to commemorate her sacrificial service, honor her memory and pay tribute to her as a servant of Christ a staunch supporter of the First Methodist Church, a devoted mother and faithful wife, now, therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church of Leesville, Louisiana, in regular meeting duly assembled on this 27th day of January, 1958, that we pay tribute to the memory of Gertrude E. Daubs who departed this life on December 27, 1957, commemorate her outstanding Christian service and through the medium of this resolution, pay our loving respects to our departed sister and friend who served us so diligently, who loved the Lord so tenderly and who was always faithful to the trust that God, her church, her family and her friends repose in her.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of the deceased.

Wesleyan Service Guild  
Connie Leach, President  
Louise McAllister, Secretary

## MONROE DISTRICT

Ruth Guthrie, District Secretary

Spring is in the air! Bees are buzzing! Buds are bursting into full bloom! Our Conference weekend has come but not gone! Much talk is being done about the Conference, and plans being made for the future.

Our Wesleyan Service Guild program is likened to the fruits of the field—"as the ripened fruits are plucked, buds begin to form for the next year's harvest." So it is with our Conference, before it is over and gone new plans are being made for the next year's program.

I am still receiving congratulations and complimentary notes

on the success of the Conference, adding to the many, many nice things said to me during the weekend.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your kind thoughts. The Hosting Committee of the Monroe District did work faithfully and willingly to make this one of the very best, but—without you, and you, and you, this could not have been accomplished! Just as the huge bridge is dependent on the support of each single wire and steel beam, so our Conference program is dependent on the support of each District, each Guild Unit, and each Guild member. You supported the huge bridge by giving of your time in attending the Conference.

I am humbly grateful to you Guild members for your interest, to Minza Rabun, our Conference Secretary for her patience and guidance, to the Conference Program Committee for such a worthwhile program, to Miss Lillian Johnson, Miss Marquerite Twinem, and Mrs. J. T. Harris (Cora) for their inspiring and informing messages.

To the Monroe District Hosting Committee,—again, thank you for your willingness, your sincerity and joyful fellowship in working to make this Conference an—Endless Line of Splendor. Mary Lee Barbee, General Chairman, did a magnificent job—thanks!

Not only do I thank you for the Conference, but for the cooperation and friendship of the five years I have striven to serve you as your District Secretary. Much progress has been made throughout the District but, much, much more remains to be made.

Especially do we need to work on membership. Reports show that many new members have been gained, many have been transferred to the W. S. C. S.—that is good, but, a much larger number have just been otherwise dropped from your roll. Work on those who have been dropped from your roll unless they have moved away. Make your programs so interesting and attractive they will want to come back. Keep your Guild program alive in your daily life, talk it, let people know what a joy your Guild is to you.

I will be looking forward to seeing you at our Spring District meeting to be held in May at Lake Providence. I know you will be there to elect and welcome our New District Secretary.

May God bless the members of the Conference Committee and each member of the Monroe District for the Spiritual enrichment, the inspiration and friendships I have gained while serving as Promotion Secretary of the Monroe District Wesleyan Service Guild.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

The Guilds of the New Orleans District were entertained in the recreation room of Gentilly Methodist Church on Sunday, December 1, 1957, with a book review. Mr. Harnett Kane, well known New Orleans author, reviewed his latest book "The Gallant Mrs. Stonewall". The review was well attended and was greatly enjoyed. Refreshments of coffee, tea and cookies were served. The units in charge were Second Methodist and Gentilly.

A district coaching conference was held on Sunday, afternoon, January 26. We were honored to have among those present, three New Orleans District officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service—Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, President; Mrs. R. S. Wade, Treasurer; Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Promotion Secretary. Mrs. Gallaher spoke to the group on promotion. Mrs. Wade conducted a class for the treasurers. Miss Hazel Lewis, Guild District Chairman of Missionary Education conducted a class for Missionary Education Chairmen. Mrs. Willie Ray Jones, Guild District Chairman of Spiritual Life was in charge of the opening worship program and later conducted a class for Spiritual Life Chairmen. The class for Presidents and Vice Presidents was conducted by Miss Mildred Evans, District Secretary. The film strip "This is Christian Social Relations" was shown later to the entire group. The film is very enlightening and educational. It depicts very clearly just what Christian Social Relations is. Refreshments of coffee, tea and cookies were served.

A Workshop on Promotion for the New Orleans District will be held on Monday, April 28, at 7:30 p. m. at St. Luke's Methodist Church with Mrs. Carl Gallaher, W. S. C. S. District Promotion Secretary, in charge.

Mrs. Beverly Biehler, President of Gretna Guild reports:

The minstrel show held on January 19, was a huge success and worth all the time and effort put forth.

The sunshine basket is still going around and around. A great deal of benefit has been realized from the basket.

Two boxes were sent to Sager Brown Home. One box consisted of old clothing, the other was a Christmas box of several gifts for one child from the Home selected by the Guild.

In April a study course will be conducted. The study will be

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## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

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Cross and Crisis in Japan. The Woman's Society of Christian Service will join the group in this study.

Mrs. Ruth Robbins, President of Rayne Memorial Guild reports:

We are presently having study classes with First Methodist Guild on the Gospel According to St. Mark, using the book Disciples to Such a Lord by Albert E. Barnett. Rev. Art Baker, assistant pastor of First Methodist Church, is the leader. Supper is served before each class by the members of First Church Guild.

Mildred Evans of Second Methodist Guild reports:

Members of Second Methodist Church Guild successfully completed their study "Cross and Crisis in Japan" for which they expect to get an efficiency credit.

The annual Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Arthur J. Haas on Wednesday, December 11. Delicious sandwiches, potato salad, cake, candy and coffee were served, all made by our hostess. Each member, upon leaving at the end of the party, was given a beautifully made and decorated cardboard miniature house, made by Mr. and Mrs. Haas, filled with home made candy.

Guild month was observed in January. The Woman's Society of Christian Service was hostess to the Guild on Wednesday, January 8, in the church school auditorium of Second Methodist Church. A delicious turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, dessert and coffee was served. A pleasant fellowship was enjoyed.

The members are planning to send Easter baskets to the 36 children at Sager Brown Home to whom they sent gifts at Christmas time.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Sue Batton, District Secretary

Ruston District has gained 26 new members through the third quarter. This represents good planning and hard work. We have had excellent interest in study courses; programs have been well planned and carried out with detail.

I have had the pleasure of assisting in two workshops in the District during the month of March. According to reports we will go over the top in our Pledge to Missions. Guild Month was observed throughout the District—some with a Tea for members and prospects, others with a breakfast, and still others attending church in a body.

Plans are under way to have a good attendance at the Spring meeting in Monroe.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Arline Tyler, District Secretary

The Shreveport District Wesleyan Service Guild observed Guild Month January 10th in Fellowship Hall of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church with a Fellowship Supper and Program with 85 members and visitors present.

With the theme being "Christ Above All," the worship center was centered with a large picture of the "Head Of Christ" with candles of the Guild colors on each side. On each table was placed a figurine of the "Head Of Christ" and the blue and yellow candles.

Miss Arline Tyler, District Secretary, presided over the meeting. After a lovely supper, Mrs. Paul Anderson, choir director of Caddo Heights Methodist Church, led in fellowship singing. Mrs. Orpha Arbrust, Unit 1, Mangum Memorial Church; Mrs. Sheppard, Elizabeth Lowery, Mansfield; Miss Alma Levins, Mangum Memorial Church Unit 2; and Mrs. Lessie Edwards, Park Avenue Methodist Church were presented to the district as "Guild Women Of The Month". All these women being most deserving of this honor for carrying on their Guild work and living such lovely Christian lives. Also at this time Mrs. Lily Carter of Mangum Unit 2, on behalf of the district, presented the beautiful floral center piece to Arline Tyler for her wonderful work as district secretary. Following this, short reports were given by the District Committee Chairman, Spiritual Life—Mrs. Rachel Rodgers, Christian Social Relations—Mrs. Dollie Brown, Missionary Education and Service—Miss Hazel Cooper, Publicity—Mrs. Bettie Hill.

Mrs. A. B. Morris and Miss Jennie Townsend rendered a beautiful duet after which Mrs. C. O. Day, First Methodist Church, brought a very inspiring meditation on "Christ Above All".

Meeting was adjourned with the Guild Benediction.

Shreveport District Executive Committee met with Miss Arline Tyler, District Secretary, March 9th with plans being made for a special meeting Monday, April 7th at 7:30 p. m. in the Chapel

of First Methodist Church with Miss Mary Sue Brown, retired Missionary to South America as guest speaker.

The regular Spring District Meeting will be held at Logansport Methodist Church Sunday, May 4th at 2:30 p. m.

The Park Avenue WSG has completed three studies so far this year and received JR credit on all three. These studies being: "Christ, the Church and Race", "Japan" and "St. Mark."

A Life Membership was presented to the President, Miss Mildred Kee and a Youth Membership Pin will be presented to the MYF president, Miss Betty Skains, when the program on "Student and Education" is given. Miss Skains is going into Full Time Christian Work. Miss Mildred Kee and Miss Virginia Rector represented the Unit at the Louisiana Spring Conference in Monroe.

The Broadmoor Guild of Broadmoor Methodist Church met Tuesday evening, January 7th in the home of Mrs. J. G. Memberly, with Mrs. Frances Draughty, co-hostess. The meeting was called to order by the President, with the Lord's Prayer, followed by a devotional presented by Mrs. D. W. King, Jr. Miss Irma Robinson, a teacher on the faculty of Byrd High, who spent three years in Japan, told of her travels throughout that interesting country, showing slides which depicted beautiful scenes, buildings and Japanese customs. There were 18 present to enjoy the evening's fellowship, including the members, one new member—Mrs. Hallie Hinkie, and the guest speaker, Miss Irma Robinson. After the meeting the hostesses served delicious refreshments.

Another Guild for the Shreveport District—

The Greenwood Methodist Church organized a Wesleyan Service Guild Unit March 13th in the home of Mrs. J. L. Trosper, President of the W. S. C. S. Mrs. Beverly Bond was elected president with 13 charter members.

Betty Hill, Publicity Chairman

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

1958-59 RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT THE  
SPRING CONFERENCE

### IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. That the Membership Crusade be continued with special interest given to the enlistment of younger women.
2. That each District Secretary make a survey to determine the number of New Guilds Needed immediately within the district.
3. That Wesleyan Service Guilds with a membership of 50 or more—give immediate consideration to organizing another unit.
4. That every Conference and District officer secure a copy of "Womanpower" from her library and carefully study this report which was published by Columbia University.

### Christian Social Relations:

5. That we continue to work for the ratification of the Charter of Racial Policies in the local units. Question Number 2 on the Check List specifically asks, "Has the Charter been ratified by your local Woman's Society or Guild? Our task has not been finished until we present this to each local group."

### Supply Work:

6. That we educate our local women to the fact that when they have given the amount asked for on their Supply projects, they have met the Need, and all monies over this amount be paid to Missions. We should not overpay to our Supply projects.

### Missionary Education:

7. That each Conference and District chairman of Missionary Education work closely with the corresponding officers of the Woman's Society in the correlation of plans and the intergration of ideas for promoting the Missionary Education program in the total plan of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

### Spiritual Life:

8. That Spiritual Life committees, local, district and conference unite our efforts—
  1. to lead our members to a deeper consecration and more effective Christian Service.
  2. through definite prayer for young people and trained business and professional adults to dedicate their lives in Christian Service.
9. That every member of the Wesleyan Service Guild be challenged to rededicate herself over to the purposes of the Guild: (1) Opportunity of Spiritual enrichment; (2) Christian fellowship; (3) to work for the development of a Christian World.





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DR. VELA CLEVELAND

Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds are quite proud of our own Vela Cleveland, a member of the Guild of Carrollton Church, New Orleans, who was commissioned as a Missionary to India at the St. Louis Assembly on May 8th. At the same time two other splendid young women from our Louisiana Conference were also commissioned and they go to their dedicated tasks with our prayers and blessings. Miss Norma Garlington of Pitkin is serving as Director of Religious Education at the Methodist Church in Crowley. Norma received her B. A. Degree from McNeese State College and her M. A. from Scarritt College in Nashville. Miss Margaret Wade Campbell is from Alexandria. She received her B. A. from Centenary College in 1954 and her M. A. Degree in Social Group Work at Scarritt College. Norma will return to Mexico where she formerly served as a special-term missionary.

Since Vela has been so actively engaged in Guild work at Carrollton Church her Louisiana friends have wanted to know something of her plans. Vela came to Louisiana from Florida. She was born in Fort Meade, where her father is editor of a weekly newspaper. She has two brothers, both in newspaper or printing, and a sister, Jean, who is teaching social work at Scarritt College. Vela taught for 7 years in the high schools of Florida, and for 7 years she was on the faculty of Woman's College, University of North Carolina, and the Florida State University, teaching biological science and anatomy.

We don't know just when Vela decided to become a doctor but she graduated from Tulane School of Medicine in 1955 and has completed her internship and residency in Pediatrics in Charity Hospital, New Orleans. It was during this time that she decided to go to India as a medical missionary, and thus was commissioned in St. Louis at the National Assembly. To prepare herself for foreign service, she will attend the Annual Conference on Medical Missions in New York and the New and Returned Methodist Missionary Conference in Green Castle, Indiana. In September Vela will attend the Kennedy School of Missions of the Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Conn., for a semester of special training and missionary orientation. Then in about February of 1959 she will sail from New York for, very probably, the Ella Thoburn Cowan Memorial Hospital in Kolar, India. During July, and until August 10 Vela will be on the staff of the Charity Hospital in Lafayette, Louisiana. She is seriously hoping that she can be with us at Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer in July and of course we look forward to one more opportunity to be with her before she leaves her adopted state of Louisiana.

## CARROLLTON AVENUE GUILD HONORS VELA CLEVELAND

On the night of April 28, the patio of Carrollton Methodist Church was the scene of a lovely reception given in honor of Dr. Vela Cleveland who will be commissioned to serve as a missionary in India. The W. S. G. sponsored the reception.

Flowers, and pink candles in silver candle sticks on a lace covered table was at the center of the patio. Two punch bowls were presided over by Guild members. Dr. Cleveland was assisted in receiving by her fellow Guild members, the president of the W. S. C. S. and the pastor and associate pastor and their wives.

A short program was held and a gift of luggage presented to Dr. Cleveland.

## Guild Weekend—Camp Brewer July 18 - 19 - 20, 1958

THEME: "PREPARE YE THE WAY"

GOAL: EVERY GUILD IN THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE REPRESENTED. SEND YOUR OFFICERS AND COMMISSION CHAIRMAN. THIS IS A MUST!

SEND ALL ADVANCE REGISTRATION to Mrs. R. W. Kelley, 1628 Audubon Avenue, Alexandria, La.

COST OF WEEKEND—\$6.00:

Registration (including insurance)	..... \$1.50
Ground Fee	..... .50
Meals: Saturday and Sunday	..... 4.00

Please send your Registration Fee, \$1.50, with each reservation. Bring your linens, pillow (electric fan if you wish), swim suit, Bible, Guild Literature and any interesting displays.

An excellent program, and different in many respects, has been planned for Guild Weekend.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN—Mrs. Ruth Cowell, Pineville.

CAMP DIRECTOR—Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Opelousas.

CAMP COUNSELOR—Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop.

The Camp Counselor is a new feature. Many officers of local units would like to have private conferences, or small group conferences, with some advisor who understands Guild work on the local level. Minza will counsel with those who wish such assistance.

REGISTRATION BEGINS FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 18

(Bring your own picnic snack)

An informal program of entertainment, meditation and refreshments in the tabernacle is planned for Friday evening, under the guidance of Bee Sandefur and Marie Pace. We'll have fun until after the New Orleans Bus arrives, (New Orleans don't be late!)

### SATURDAY MORNING

6:00	Rising Bell.
6:30	Coffee in Dining Hall.
7:00	Morning Watch at Vesper Point.
7:30	Breakfast.
8:00—10:00	Registration (Dining Hall Porch) Crafts Standing Committee Meeting.
10:00—12:00	Group Discussions on Lines of Work Bible Study and Discussion
12:30	Lunch

### AFTERNOON

1:00—2:30	Registration continued.
2:30	Convening Guild Weekend—Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary, presiding.
3:20	Presentation of 2 Mission Studies for 1958-59.
4:00	A Model Business Meeting (Ruston District)
4:30	Leisure time—Visit the literature table in Dining Hall—Swim time.

### EVENING

6:00	Supper.
7:15	Vesper Service.
7:45	Song Fest—led by Miss Lynette Davis.
8:00	Presentation of 2 Mission Studies for 1958-59.
8:45	Membership Skit (Lafayette District). Films of St. Louis Assembly by Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Conference President of W. S. C. S. Goodnight Ladies (New Orleans District).

### SUNDAY MORNING

6:00	Rising Bell, and Coffee. Silent trek to Vesper Point.
7:00	Communion Service, conducted by Rev. Lea Joyner, Southside Methodist Church, Monroe.
7:30	Breakfast.
8:30	Model Program (Monroe District)
9:30	Coffee Break.
9:45	Business Session.
11:00	Morning Worship—Rev. Lea Joyner, Speaker. Theme—"Prepare Ye the Way"
12:15	Dinner—Adjournment.



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Since my election to the office of Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild in Monroe in March, I have been very busy trying to close out my work in Ruston District as District Secretary. Also answering the many letters, attending meetings, and trying to get acquainted to the new office. Today, June 2nd., I am two days old in my work, as I did not officially take office until June 1, and I do feel that I am quite an infant in the work. My first official visit was to First Church, Monroe, Guild, as guest speaker in their meeting on June 3rd.

In assuming the many responsibilities that go with this office I feel very humble, as I stated to many of you in Monroe, and will need your prayers and support, but when I stop and think of the wonderful staff I have to work with, the burden seems to lighten and joy takes the place of fear.

Minza has left us a great heritage, and the best compliment we can give her is to "go forward" in appreciation of her untiring efforts. We cannot take her place, we have to make a place of our own, and it will only come by hard work and many sacrifices. Will you join me in lifting the banner higher? I have no doubt, but that you will. We cannot let this great work suffer, for the need is just as great today as it was yesterday, and we still have the Macedonian Call.

I have just returned from the great National Assembly in St. Louis (which you will have the opportunity of hearing about at Guild Week-End at Camp Brewer, July 18-20) You will not want to miss it, and by-the-way, Minza states we have new bunks and partitions, come on down and look it over. This was my first Assembly to attend, and although we had some 10,000 people in attendance and some twenty Countries represented, there was a feeling of oneness.

Let me urge you to subscribe to Guild Times, and be sure to read it, for this is where you will be informed about the work, not in my newsletter. You will find your new Supply Work Askings, and changes in report dates, dates of all important meetings, and too, Guild Times is the way in which we have to promote the Louisiana Conference Guild work. Why not join me in this slogan—"Guild Times a must to every Guild officer and committee chairman".

I am looking forward to seeing some of you at Mt. Sequoyah June 21-22, and don't forget Brewer and School of Missions at Centenary College.

I am looking forward, with pleasure, to meeting each Guild member personally.

Please remember me in your daily meditations.

Lovingly,  
Sue, Your Conference Guild Secretary.

## IT'S TIME TO SUBSCRIBE TO GUILD TIMES

This issue concludes the 1957-58 subscription to Guild Times. New subscriptions for 1958-59 are already coming in. Your editor does not want to pull out a single addressograph plate from her files. Which means that each of you must seriously consider renewing your subscription and at once. Then I am preparing a file of NEW subscribers. Your response has been so heart-warming and so encouraging that I have every reason to believe that I can ask for 750 subscriptions for 58-59. We are eager to make this publication newsy, informative, and helpful to Louisiana Guildom. We can be as one big family, broadening our objectives and enriching our experiences IF we know that throughout the Louisiana Conference OTHER GUILDS and other friends are sharing with us. Your Guild must have The Methodist Woman for instruction, the World Outlook for inspiration, the Guild Handbook for organization AND the GUILD TIMES for Conference contacts and procedure.

How about each Guild presenting your pastor and W. S. C. S. president with a subscription? It also makes a nice birthday present to a fellow Guild member. You know the many ways in which you can promote Guild Times. Now, let me hear from you. If enough subscriptions come in, each issue can be made more attractive and more helpful to you. May God bless each one of you wonderfully and may the love of Christ continually dwell in your hearts.

Your editor,  
Elizabeth Langford

## MAREE WHITE, OPELOUSAS LAFAYETTE DISTRICT SECRETARY



Guild Times is happy to introduce to you Four new District Secretaries. They are not new in Louisiana Guildom. Somehow the Districts know how to elect those efficient members who have proved themselves in local, district and conference activities, and thus our work continues to grow and expand. We heartily welcome, Maree White, Adele Nugent, Hazel Cooper and Fanny Thompson (You'll see Fanny's pretty face in the next issue).

Maree White is a school teacher by profession. She earned her B. A. Degree at Southwestern, Lafayette, and her M. A. from L. S. U. She has taught for 24 years and is presently teaching U. S. History and English IV in the Opelousas High School. She is a charter member of the Opelousas Guild, serving just now as Chairman of Missionary Education. Through her efficient leadership her Guild earned 4 JR Credits this year. Maree has attended the School of Missions for the last 3 years and attended Jurisdictional Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah last summer. We always find her at Camp Brewer, Spring meetings and district gatherings. Lafayette District and Louisiana Conference will be blessed by her leadership.

## ADELE (MRS. EARL) NUGENT RUSTON DISTRICT SECRETARY



Ruston District gives us our new Conference Secretary, Sue Patton, and succeeding her in office as Ruston District Secretary is the efficient Guild, Adele Nugent. Adele, too, belongs to the profession of teaching, but her task is a bit different. For several years she has taught a special class for mentally retarded children. Last year the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Ruston awarded her the Good Citizenship Award for outstanding work with the mentally retarded. Adele and her husband, Earl, live at 606 North Vienna and he is affiliated with the Early Chevrolet Company of Ruston. When

Grace Church was organized in the college area of Ruston, they became charter members of that new and growing church. They are both very active in the church and church school program. Adele is presently Superintendent of the Youth Division. She is ex-president of the Guild and is now serving as Chairman of Spiritual Life. She is well known in Ruston District Guildom where she has served, for the past 2 years, as Chairman of Missionary Education. Adele received her education at Louisiana Tech, Michigan State Normal and Peabody College in Nashville. Both her educational background and her dedicated Christian life have prepared her for efficient and happy service in the Wesleyan Service Guild, not only in her District, but throughout Louisiana Guildom.



## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

Bettie Hill, Chairman of Publicity for Shreveport District, makes the following report: "Missions—Endless Line of Splendor" was the theme of the Shreveport District Annual Spring Meeting held Sunday afternoon, May 11th in the First Methodist Church at Logansport, with Miss Arline Tyler, District Secretary, presiding.

Welcome to the meeting was extended by Mrs. Fred Coday, Logansport W. S. G. president. Rev. J. B. Grambling, pastor, gave the meditation and Mrs. Frances Alston rendered special music.

Final reports for the year on the Lines of Work were presented by the District Chairmen: Mrs. B. E. Rodgers, Spiritual Life; Miss Hazel Cooper, Missionary Education; Mrs. Dollie Brown, Christian Social Relations; and Miss Arline Tyler, District Secretary.

The election of officers for the new year resulted as follows: Miss Hazel Cooper, First Church, Shreveport—District Secretary; Miss Aileen Hyslop, First Church, Shreveport—Recording Secretary; Mrs. Sybil Hale, Logansport—Missionary Education; Miss Elizabeth Lowery, Mansfield—Spiritual Life Chairman; Mrs. Dollie Brown, Mangum Memorial, Shreveport, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Bettie Hill, Mangum Memorial, Publicity. Elected to serve from the W. S. C. S. are Mrs. W. L. McDonald, Rodessa, and Mrs. C. O. Day, First Church, Shreveport.

Mrs. Ruby Phillips, Plain Dealing, presented for the district an Honorary Life Membership to Miss Arline Tyler, out-going District Secretary, for her wonderful work and loyal service. We appreciate her fine work and will miss her, but know that under the Christian leadership of Miss Hazel Cooper great things will be accomplished in the Shreveport District.

Thanks to the Logansport Guild for being such a wonderful hostess and making our final meeting of the year such a success.

From Miss Leta Mae Benson of Broadmoor Guild comes an excellent report on their May meeting giving in detail the presentation of the Pledge Service conducted by Mrs. W. J. Gillespie. Then the President, Mrs. Meta Rust, called on Miss Arline Tyler to install the officers for the new year. The new President is Mrs. James Lee and she has to assist her a wonderful core of officers and chairmen. The hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Katie Copeland, Mrs. Marion Scaife, Mrs. Jessie Kneese and Mrs. Mary Lewis.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

**GRETNÄ**—Beverly Biehler: Gretna Guild just finished a very interesting and inspiring study on Cross and Crisis in Japan, taught by Miss Sophie Kuntz and Mrs. R. R. Cahol. At the last class a Baptist theological student, Hiroshi John Kondoh, a native of Tokyo, Japan, was guest of honor and gave a very interesting and informative talk on life and customs in Japan. As a result of this, the group is planning a family night, at which time the play, "Between Yesterday and Today" will be presented and a free will offering taken which will be used for Japan.

**METAIRIE**—Lynn Foil: Installation and pledge service was held on Tuesday, May 20, 1958 in the sanctuary of the newly built Metairie church. Officers and chairmen for the year 1958-1959 were installed by the District Secretary, Mildred Evans, using the beautiful and inspiring Guild candle light service. Refreshments were served and a period of fellowship enjoyed.

**MUNHOLLAND**—Dorothy Kimball: Munholland Guild just finished an inspiring study of Cross and Crisis in Japan taught by Miss Sophie Kuntz. At the last class meeting a Japanese tea served Japanese style, with all the trimmings, was served. Installation and pledge service was held on Monday, May 12 in the beautiful chapel of the Methodist Home Hospital at 815 Washington Avenue. Officers and chairmen for the year 1958-1959 were installed by the District Secretary, Mildred Evans. Refreshments were served in the parlor.

**RAYNE MEMORIAL**—Lucile Wells: Officers and Chairmen were installed on Monday evening, May 12 in the sanctuary of Rayne Memorial Church by Dr. Poole. An outdoor supper meeting is planned for June 9, at the home of the President, Lucile Wells.

**SECOND METHODIST**—Mildred Evans: On Monday evening, March 31, members of the Guild gathered at the home of Mrs. A. J. Haas, with their co-ordinator, Mrs. C. Graci, to decorate hard boiled eggs and make Easter baskets out of cream cheese boxes for the 36 kindergarten children at Sager Brown Home to whom gifts were sent at Christmas. The baskets, when completed, were filled with different kinds of Easter eggs and candies, each topped with a beautifully decorated hard boiled egg. As a result of this visit, we are now working on purchasing a small trailer wagon for the farm at the Home.

Officers and Chairmen for the year 1958-1959 were installed by the District Secretary, on Tuesday evening, May 27, in the sanctuary of the church. An inspirational pledge service in charge of

Mrs. Naomi Duhé followed. Refreshments were served and period of fellowship enjoyed.

**CARROLLTON**—Helen McMahon: Three members of the Carrollton Guild made the trip to St. Louis for the commissioning of Dr. Cleveland. They were the Misses Helena and Emma Kuntz and Miss Lillian Gaines.

At the April meeting, two members were honored with the presentation of life memberships—they were Miss Lillian Gaines and Mrs. Helen McMahon.

At our June meeting six perfect attendance awards were given to Helen and Della Jamieson, Myrtle McNeil, Mrs. Brandt, Jerry Rivet and Helen McMahon.

We also voted to send one delegate from the young people's department to the Youth Conference in Shreveport.

Our Guild has 37 members and we are working for more.

Following is news of the District activities:

On Friday evening, May 9, the annual district meeting was held at First Methodist Church. Miss Margaret McGowan opened the meeting with a devotion from the Upper Room. A report on the activities of the year was given by the District Secretary. A report on Spiritual Life activity for the year was sent to the meeting by Mrs. Willie Ray Jones. District officers elected at the meeting were:

Missionary Education and Service—Mrs. Mason (Lynn) Foil, Christian Social Relations—Mrs. Xavia Giardina, Supply—Mrs. Sarah Higgins.

Officers entering their second year are: District Secretary—Mildred Evans, Spiritual Life—Mrs. Willie Ray Jones, Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. W. (Kathryn) Wallace. Refreshments were served and a period of fellowship enjoyed.

On Tuesday evening, May 13, a Promotion Workshop was held at St. Luke's Methodist Church, in charge of Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Woman's Society of Christian Service District Promotion Secretary (District President, now). Ten of the New Orleans Guilds were represented.

A discussion period in charge of Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry followed with some of the major needs of the Guild being discussed. Mrs. Tackaberry told the group of the effectiveness of having prayer partners and the results obtained.

Refreshments were served in the church parlor and a period of fellowship enjoyed. We hope that workshops of this type can be planned each year for all officers and members. They are needed.

Everyone in the district rejoices and is happy to know that Willie Ray Jones, District Spiritual Life Secretary, and a member of Rayne Memorial Guild, is doing so nicely after a serious operation.

Dear Guilders:

This is to say "Thank You" for the Honorary Life Membership pin awarded me as outgoing Conference Recording Secretary. I feel that it was a privilege to have served as your recording secretary and a pleasure working with the other wonderful conference officers. The "gain" was mine.—Jenibe Westbrook.

My dear friends:

Words are inadequate when I try to express what is in my heart. There is one thing I am sure of, and that is, you will understand my feeble attempt to express my gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful honor you have allowed me—the privilege of being an Honorary Life Member in an organization which I hold very dear.

I regret that I was not with you in your Spring Meeting for I would have enjoyed being with you again and thrilled to have Elizabeth Langford present me with the lovely W. S. G. pin and Certificate.

It is because of you that I am the humble, but proud possessor of this distinct honor, and I thank you most sincerely.

Be assured that my love is yours and that your every activity is surrounded and undergirded with my prayers. God bless each and every one of you.—Helen Adams Preston.

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## HAZEL COOPER, SHREVEPORT DISTRICT SECRETARY



Shreveport District is indeed fortunate to have Hazel Cooper, Director of Business Girls' Inn in Shreveport, and a member of First Methodist Church, to succeed Arline Tyler as District Secretary. Hazel is a native of Kansas, calling Kansas City her home. She trained in Camp Fire work and served as office secretary of the Kansas City, Kansas Camp Fire Girls. She was appointed by the Bureau of Social Welfare of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to serve as assistant director of Esther Hall at Ogden, Utah in December, 1945. She became its director in 1948, and was a charter mem-

ber of the W. S. C. S. in that city. Hazel has had many years of rich experience in the Woman's work of our Church; has been active in the YWCA; and in 1950 she was appointed director of Iowa National Esther Hall at Des Moines, Iowa, serving there until 1953 when she was granted a sabbatical leave for study at Sacritt College. In 1954 she was appointed by the Woman's Division to be Director of Business Girls' Inn in Shreveport, and thus we were fortunate to have her sent to Louisiana. In her local Guild Unit she is Chairman of Missionary Education. We look forward to becoming better acquainted with Hazel—Conference-wise—at Camp Brewer, and in the Conference activities of the future. Thank you, Hazel, for giving of your busy time to Shreveport District.

## FANNY THOMPSON, RAYVILLE MONROE DISTRICT SECRETARY

Fanny Thompson, of Rayville, wife of J. B. Thompson, Jr., superintendent of Richland Parish Schools, was elected to succeed Ruth Guthrie as our District Secretary.

Fanny is well qualified to serve in this capacity. She was a charter member of the Rayville Guild and has served in numerous official capacities in her local Guild. Her outstanding contribution has been her service as study leader, for which she was awarded a Life Membership by the Rayville Guild.

Her two sons are both in school. Billy is a student in Sewanee and Jimmy in Annapolis Naval Academy, which makes school life unanimous for the entire Thompson family. Fanny is a seventh grade teacher in the Rayville Junior High School. Her school is on the same campus with the School Board Building which houses her husband and his staff.

Fanny has always been vitally interested in the District work. She served as Spiritual Life Chairman, and ex-officio chairman of retreats. With this background she should readily be able to handle the leadership of the Monroe District.

Our next issue of Guild Times will carry a picture of Fanny. The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds welcome Fanny into its ranks as District Secretary of the Monroe District. Those who do not know Fanny will have the opportunity to get acquainted with her at Guild Weekend.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Bee Sandefur, District Secretary

The annual meeting of the Alexandria District Wesleyan Service Guild was held at the First Methodist Church in Pineville, April 13th. The meeting opened with a warm welcome from Miss Louise Jones, president of the Pineville Guild. Miss Marie Pace, District Secretary of Spiritual Life gave the invocation. Miss Edith Bailey's beautiful vocal selection was, All the Way My Saviour Leads Me.

Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, District Secretary, presided during the business session. Presidents of Guilds represented, reported on

their years work. Mrs. W. C. Lee, District Recording Secretary gave a short resume of the recent Guild Conference at Monroe.

Mrs. Sandefur introduced the inspirational speaker, Miss Mary Sue Brown, retired Educational Missionary, from Brazil, who now lives in Waco, Texas. Miss Brown told vividly of her 35 years of rich and varied experiences in South America, both in teaching and in the building of new schools.

There were about 30 in attendance.

After the program and business session the group was invited for fellowship and delicious refreshments of punch, sandwiches and cookies prepared by the hostess Guild.

From my reports now in, I have many wonderful evaluations of the year's work of the various units. May I give credit to a few who told me about it. Winnfield's Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. E. H. Farr, reported many various local activities. Guild month was observed. She reported an increase in membership, cooperation in Week of Prayer with W. S. C. S., program on U. N. and 2 study courses, plus worship centers for every meeting.

Pineville, too, reported many and various activities. Ruth Cowell wrote that the highlight of this year was the night the wife of a missionary from Japan spoke to them of the wives' place on the Mission fields. Three Guilds of the District joined together for the Study of Mark.

Pellock, Mrs. Jerry Groves writes that much has been accomplished and great interest shown.

Mrs. Carl Chandler from the Oakdale Unit reports that attendance is exceptionally good. This is one of the Guilds I haven't had the pleasure of meeting with, and I hope this will be soon remedied.

Mrs. Raymond Markham, Natchitoches, writes that this has been one of the best years from the standpoint of interest and attendance. Their year books were lovely.

Mrs. Wiley Stewart of Montgomery Unit listed 3 Study Courses completed, a pledge service and installation service.

Jena's Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Myrtis Ory, listed 2 studies with good attendance in both.

Colfax gained 4 new members this year, reported by Mrs. Irene Wampler. Colfax was such a nice hostess for our Retreat.

Trinity, in Alexandria, also reports the best year the Guild ever had. Miss Gussie Nugent says they have grown spiritually and in number. She gives the District Officers credit for being so helpful.

Doris Branton Guild, at First Church, Alexandria is our largest Guild and they report 3 new members. They reported having worship centers at each program meeting.

Here at Bunkie we, too, have had a good year. We feel that we have accomplished a great deal. The highlight for me was the Life Membership they gave me. We have 4 new members.

On Tuesday, May 27th we held a meeting in Bunkie for the District Executive Committee and acquainted the District Chairmen of Lines of Work with the names of like chairmen in local Units. This will enable them to keep in touch with each unit. We are looking forward to meeting each officer and helping them in any way that we can.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Fanny Thompson, District Secretary

The Monroe District Conference met in Lake Providence, Sunday, May 4th. Eleven of the 12 Guilds of the District were represented, with 54 in attendance, though the rains, for days preceeding the date had made the attendance almost doubtful. As usual, the Lake Providence Church proved to be a most cordial host. After a very successful business meeting, interspersed with inspiration and devotion, the officers were elected for the new year. Mrs. Fanny (J. B.) Thompson of Rayville was elected to succeed Mrs. Ruth Guthrie of Bastrop, as District Secretary of Promotion. Irma Watson, Memorial Guild—Monroe, was elected Chairman of Christian Social Relations; Minza Rabun, Fastrop, Supply Work; Mrs. Mattie Haley, Rayville, was elected as the member at large from the W. S. C. S. and the three elected to the Nominating Committee were Miss Ruth Whatley, Monroe; Mrs. D. W. Caldwell, Monroe and Miss Marguerite Kirkpatrick, West Monroe. Many words of grateful appreciation were expressed to Mrs. Ruth Guthrie for her five years of efficient service as Secretary to the Monroe District.

Good news was received by Ruth Guthrie from the Woman's Division of Christian Service in response to the letter-writing contest promoted through The Methodist Woman. Ruth was one of the winners. Her letter was one of 20 winning letters selected from more than 700 letters sent in, and one of only two winners among the 20 were from Guilders. Ruth will receive a THREE-YEAR free subscription to THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Monroe District is proud to learn that the mural "Missions—

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## MONROE DISTRICT

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Endless Line of Splendor" painted by Thurla Bordelon for the Spring Conference, will be sent to Mt. Sequoyah for the Jurisdictional Guild Weekend and School of Missions. It is hoped that it will continue to be an inspiration to all who see it.

Through the District Chairman of Missions, Agnes Miller, plans are being made for the Tour with a Mission to South Louisiana, possibly the third weekend in October. A large bus will be chartered so that all who wish may join the tour.

The newest Guild in the Monroe District is at Southside Methodist in Monroe. Mrs. Myrtle Mae Foster is the new President. A new Unit is being organized at First Church, Monroe for the younger women of the Church. We'll have news of that group in our next issue.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Your Editor has just learned that Emma Mainous of Baton Rouge has been elected to succeed Mary Lucille Napier of Kentwood, as the new District Secretary of the Baton Rouge District. We will carry an introductory article on Emma in our next issue. Already, we who know Emma, realize that we again have a capable, consecrated young woman to direct the Wesleyan Service Guild work of the Baton Rouge District. And thanks also go to Mary Lucille for the leadership she has given to Baton Rouge Guilds as she served the District.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Maree White, District Secretary

The Lafayette District Wesleyan Service Guilds met in Abbeville on Sunday, April 27th for its annual meeting. The opening Meditation was given by Mrs. Vincent Prejean and members of the Lafayette Guild. Dr. Vela Cleveland was our Guest Speaker and inspired us with her message entitled "Missions—Endless Line of Splendor".

Reports of the work and accomplishments during the year were made by representatives of each Guild unit and by chairman of Lines of Work. The election of district officers was held, with the following elected to serve:

District Secretary—Miss Maree White, Opelousas; Recording Secretary—Mrs. Hattie Childs, Opelousas; Spiritual Life Chairman—Miss Hermoine Tate, Lafayette; Christian Social Relations Chairman—Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Opelousas. Missionary Education Chairman—Miss Marilyn Carter, New Iberia. The officers were installed by Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Louisiana Conference W. S. C. S. Chairman of Missionary Education.

At the close of the meeting the Guilds presented Marilyn Carter, the out-going District Secretary, with a slide projector, in appreciation of her splendid work with the district. Marilyn has been elected to serve as Conference Recording Secretary.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Lena Sweeney, District Secretary

At the time that the Guild Times goes to press, I do not have news of the Lake Charles District Meeting, but an interesting letter comes from Nannie Christian, Promotion Secretary of the Maye Youngblood Unit, DeRidder Guild:

The April meeting of the Maye Youngblood Guild of the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, La., was held in the home of Mrs. Maye Youngblood in whose honor the Guild was named.

Officers were elected for 1958-59 and Mrs. Lena Gibson and Mrs. Lolita Jones gave a very interesting and challenging report on the Spring Conference held at Monroe.

Mrs. Gertrude Kilman presented the program on Youth who Serve, assisted by Mrs. Gladys Scobie, Miss George Rose Ferguson and Mrs. Clarence Fuller, our co-ordinator. Mrs. Fuller read a letter from a girl who was telling of her missionary work in Africa.

A Life Membership was presented to Miss Marie Williams. As all members have Life Memberships, the service was closed by reading a prayer of rededication in unison.—Nannie Christian.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Adele Nugent, District Secretary

The Annual District Wesleyan Service Guild meeting was held in Grace Church, Ruston, Louisiana on Sunday afternoon, May 18th.

The welcome was given by Mrs. Earl Nugent, a member of the Guild at Grace Methodist Church, after which she gave a short meditation.

Miss Sue Batton out-going District Secretary presided at the meeting. The local Guild Presidents gave some very inspirational

reports, showing continued growth in all phases of work in the Ruston District, and especially membership and pledge to Missions.

After reports were given the group went into a business session. The nominating committee presented its report. Nominations were called for from the floor, there being none, the report of the nominating committee was accepted, and the following elected.

District Secretary—Mrs. Earl (Adele) Nugent, 606 N. Vienna Street, Ruston, La.; Supply Work—Mrs. Norma Daye, East and West Street, Minden, La.; Spiritual Life—Miss Ann Carolyn Davis, 209 West Georgia St., Ruston, La.; Missionary Education—Miss Ruby Craton, East and West Street, Minden, La.; Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. G. Willingham, 407 North Minden St., Ruston, La.

Elected member of WSCS to Standing Committee, Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Minden, La.; Ex-Officio members: Mrs. L. K. Wells, WSCS District Pres. Ruston District; Mrs. L. C. Aycock, WSCS Promotion Secretary, Ruston, La.

Mrs. Virginia Laskey, a member of the Woman's Division, at this time installed the newly elected officers with a very impressive ceremony.

Sue expressed her thanks for the cooperation and support she had received during her four years as District Secretary of Ruston District, and urged each Guild member to be loyal and support the newly elected officers.

A fellowship hour followed.

## 17 ATTEND MT. SEQUOYAH WEEKEND

Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary, District Secretaries Adele Nugent and Bee Sandetur, and Rowena Lee, Louise Roberts, Arline Tyler, Marie Pace, Dr. Clyde Adams, Thelma Louise Jones, Ruth Cowell, Emma Mainous, Minza Rabun, Harriet Russell, Gertrude Hall, Mrs. Marie Scheffer and Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick represented Louisiana Guilds at Mt. Sequoyah in June. Adele Nugent Arline Tyler and Ruth Cowell remained over for the School of Missions.

## SUPPLY WORK

Margaret McGowan, Conference Chairman

Our Supply Askings for 1958-59 are:

Home: National College for Christian Workers, 5123 Truman Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

Foreign: Ewha University, Seoul, Korea.

This year we are asking for CASH only. These two projects are looking to the Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guilds for our help! Let us do a good job on our Treasurer's reports and designate these Supply Askings correctly. Each year we are asked to contribute to both foreign and home supply work and have special assignments for our responsibility. Do not send to last year's askings, but remember the new ones assigned to us.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Arline Tyler, Conference Chairman

In beginning your new Guild year, let us take an inventory:

1. Is there a Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation in your Guild?
2. Does that Chairman have the essential tools: Bible, Handbooks on Spiritual Life and Guild; Prayer Calendar; The Methodist Woman; (these are essential).
3. Does the Chairman have a Committee with which to work?
4. Is that Chairman on the Program Committee,

You will learn more about your work at Camp Brewer Guild Weekend.

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## CAMP BREWER WEEKEND IN JULY

### Twelfth Annual Weekend of Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guilds of The Louisiana Conference

Much thought and planning goes into the preparation for a Guild Weekend, and oh, how worthwhile is every investment made of time, talents and materials. Possibly nowhere is the purpose of the Guild more fully realized. As the theme "PREPARE YE THE WAY" unfolded, the weekend did truly "provide a channel through which employed women can achieve spiritual enrichment and Christian fellowship, and take an active part in developing a world Christian community."

Echoes of the Weekend have been heard throughout Louisiana since the 157 women who registered on July 18th and departed on the 20th for their various ways throughout our great state. We extend hearty thanks to Mrs. E. T. Cowell of Pineville, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations, who served as program chairman for the Camp, and her various committee chairmen, for the smooth, efficient way in which every detail manifested itself. Our new Conference Secretary, Sue Batton, acted like a veteran. And Dorothy Dunbar, Opelousas, as Camp Director, assisted in seeing that the program moved along in a timely manner. We were fortunate in having our Conference W. S. C. S. President, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick of Shreveport, Mrs. Wideman Watson of Homer, Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications, and Mrs. J. H. McSween, Alexandria, Conference Treasurer with us to guide and counsel us where needed and to inspire us with their devotion to their dedicated work. Of course our Ex-Conference Secretary, Minza Rabun, as Camp Counselor, spent most of her time in that capacity and it proved to be quite popular. Our record attendance at this 12th weekend evidenced the efficient work of the eight District Secretaries, five of whom were new in office. They are truly the main spoke in our wheel of accomplishments. May we say "as does the secretary, so does the district". Camp Brewer cannot be mentioned without expressing praise to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McArthur, Camp Ground managers and in charge of the dining hall. They always feed us abundantly—even to the "north Louisiana and south Louisiana coffee", ready at six in the morning.

Delegates began to arrive rather early Friday afternoon and until the large chartered bus arrived late that night from New

Orleans with 29 aboard an informal period of renewing friendships, swimming and lolling around was in order.

We were fortunate in having our very fine little song leader, Miss Lynette Davis of Plain Dealing with us again. Miss Nancy Summerlin of Shreveport was scheduled to be our pianist, but she unfortunately became ill and had to return home. However, we had a capable substitute for Mrs. Jo Halback, president of the newest Guild in the Conference—Unit II, First Church, Monroe, took her place at the piano.

Morning Watch and Vesper Services at Vesper Point always prove to be most inspiring. As one meanders down the shaded path to this spot that has become sacred to all who have the privilege of worshiping in such a setting, we are reminded of the poem "Woodland Cathedral" used at this place of witness and decision:

"Go into the woodland if you seek for peace of mind . . .  
At this time when Nature's mood is gentle, quiet, and kind  
. . . When soft winds fan the trembling leaves about the  
cloistered glade  
And paths go winding deep into the green and breathless  
shade.  
"An unseen Presence walks the woods . . .  
A sense of holy things, haunts the dim Cathedral aisles;  
And every bird that sings is like some morning chorister  
And every breath of air seems to bring the secret murmur  
of a whispered prayer."

At this same worshipful spot early on Sunday morning Reverend Lea Joyner of Southside Methodist Church, Monroe, inspired us with a Communion Meditation and served the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by the Alexandria District.

Before the convening of Guild Weekend on Saturday morning, the delegates enjoyed hand-craft time under the supervision of Mrs. Louise Baldrige of New Orleans.

The presentation of the Group Discussion on Lines of Work is always one of the most helpful aids on the program. With Sue Batton presiding, the Conference Chairman presented the following: Misisonary Education—Adele Nugent; Spiritual Life Cultivation—Arlene Tyler; Christian Social Relations—Ruth Cowell and Supply Work—Margaret McGowan. Minza Rabun very effectively conducted the Bible Study period. The approved Studies for

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# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Vacation time, for those who were fortunate enough to have one, has come to a close, and we now enter into the fall season with a full program before us. Let's make this year the best we have ever had in the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds. We can if we will make big circles instead of small ones. Take God as our partner and plan BIG.

Your Conference Guild Secretary has been very busy for the past four or five months, and if I have been a little late in answering your inquiries, I assure you it was not intentional, but was due to the fact that I had become so involved in the Guild work, I could not immediately do so.

In May I attended the Fifty Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of The Methodist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, also the Quadrennial Guild Weekend. At the Assembly I had the opportunity of witnessing the Commissioning Service. As you know, Louisiana had three candidates Commissioned. Dr. Vela Cleveland of New Orleans, Miss Norma Garlington, Crowley, Louisiana, and Miss Margaret Wade Campbell of Alexandria, Louisiana. To me this is a real challenge for our Louisiana Guilders. We had eleven from Louisiana attending the Guild Weekend at St. Louis. In June I attended the Jurisdiction School of Missions, also the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend on Mt. Sequoyah. Our Jurisdiction Guild Secretary, Mrs. Alice Pletz, is to be commended for the well planned program. We only had seventeen Guild members present at this meeting from Louisiana, when we could have had twenty-four. Let's start early this time and have our quota at our next Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, June 19-21.

In July we had our Louisiana 12th Conference Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer, with 157 registered and the largest attendance yet. This was not due to my hard work, but the fruits of the constant and efficient work of the officers before me. I want to congratulate and take this means of thanking each committee member, staff, officers and all Guild members for a job well done.

In August I attended the Louisiana Conference School of Missions at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, and conducted a Guild Clinic. We had 32 Guild members enrolled in the Clinic, and more attending the School part time. The Woman's Society of Christian Service is to be congratulated on the fine staff and teachers. I also had charge of one of the meetings in the Assembly hour, and had the pleasure of introducing Dr. Vela Cleveland, our own Guild member, to the Assembly, at which time she brought us a challenging message. I also introduced our Youth Delegate to the General Assembly in St. Louis, Miss Anna Clark Whitaker of Vivian, La. Anna Clark also inspired us with her message.

Our own Lillian Johnson, Guild Secretary, is taking a few months leave from her office in New York and is visiting Mission projects in Europe, Africa, and South America. Blessings on Lillian as she represents the Wesleyan Service Guilds, and may she have a safe voyage home.

Remember we are still working on membership, begin now to plan your membership drive, if you have not already done so, for Guild month, January, will soon be here. Are we concerned?

To you who have been notified to attend, please remember the date of September 13, 14, which is our coaching conference in Alexandria. We will meet at Green Brier, formerly "Ed Mary's".

Supply Work: You have received your Supply Askings from your Supply Chairman, and please do not pay more than you are asked to pay, and remember we have NEW projects; Foreign (Ewha University), Home (National College). Some are still sending to former projects. Please take notice of this.

Reporting: All District Secretaries will please contact all local Guilds for reports before sending in your report, which is due your Conference Secretary on or before October 1. We can reach 100% reporting I am sure, if we will try.

Report Books for Treasurers and Secretaries of Promotion have been sent to District Secretaries for distribution to local Guilds. If you have not received one get in touch with your District Secretary, or if you need one for a new Guild. Please do not LOSE, they are for use for two years.

Literature and Publications: I earnestly urge every Guild to be informed by subscribing to GUILD TIMES, Methodist Woman and World Outlook. They are a must. Try to double your subscriptions.

Study: How about each Unit trying for four and not less than two J. R. Study courses, it is easy and fun too.

Cultivation: Be sure to set aside a fund to send your delegates

to the District and Conference meetings when making your budget. If money is left over, buy an Adult Membership or two.

Missionary Education: Time to begin and plan your study.

Christian Social Relations: Present the United Nations through suggestions for action, October 24, United Nations Day.

I have been informed that we have two new Guilds, but will not be listed until the first report is sent in.

Congratulations to Lake Charles District, Winifred Gregory, and others, in their concern and efforts in getting their District re-organized. I understand they have secured a District Secretary, and most of the other officers, and will hold a meeting soon for the election.

Let me thank you again for all you are doing for the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and may God Bless and keep you.

Lovingly, Sue Batton,

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Arline Tyler, Conference Chairman

"O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacle." Psalm 43:3.

As the autumn of our activities comes, let us put on the new look of a Christ-filled spirit and Christ-motivated action in the cultivation of our spiritual life. Have the officers of your local unit gone apart to pray? Just an hour spent in meditation, prayer, and quietness in which to listen to God speak to us can send us forth united in heart and mind and purpose, to do His will . . . what a difference! . . . what strength! . . . what power! If you have not done this, make your plans now.

Have you studied the calendar of activities, and your handbooks? Then, have you set up an outline of your responsibilities and opportunities, so they will not escape you?

WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL comes in October. Get your material ordered before October 10th, make your plans so that this may be the most meaningful observance you have ever had. Our goal is EVERY UNIT OBSERVING WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL.

How are you using the PRAYER CALENDAR? Be sure to use it in the way that is most meaningful to you as individuals, and as a group.

Let us all unite in prayer for Harriet Russell of West Monroe, Monroe District Chairman of Spiritual Life, who has just gone to Mt. Vernon, Alabama as Head Resident at the Mobile County Rural Center, under the Woman's Division. Harriet is one of those noble Christians who, having reached retirement in her work with the State Welfare Department, sought to find a place of full-time service in Christian work. When she offered her services to the Division of Missions of the Woman's Society, they assigned her to this work in Alabama. She asks that her friend Guilders remember her in your prayers.

## JANUARY IS GUILD MONTH

We remind you now about January being Guild month, as many Guilds are already making plans to observe Guild Month in a big way. Your Methodist Woman and your Hand Book give you many interesting suggestions on this important observance. (1) Refer to back issues of the Methodist Woman. (2) Enlist the co-operation of your pastor and the President of the Woman's Society in acquainting your church membership with the purposes and program of the Guild. (3) Use publicity in your church bulletin and your newspaper. (4) Study your church rolls for prospective members among the employed women of your church. Remember what Miss Lillian Johnson had to say at our Spring Meeting in Monroe, concerning the enlistment of all working women. We are not a "white collar group". There are many employed women in our churches who will not seek out the Guild, yet they are lonely and uninformed about the great program of missions within our church. We have a place of service for them within the Wesleyan Service Guild. (5) Have the choir sing the Guild Hymn at some time during January. (6) Sit in a group at Church on one Sunday. Possibly your minister will use some of your members in the church service. (7) Introduce your Guild officers to the congregation, or list them in the church bulletin. (8) If you can use one of the church services, give the history of your own Guild and introduce the Charter members. Use members as ushers. (9) Conduct a visiting campaign during January. Visit all employed women of the church, whether Guild members or not. (10) Possibly you have the material for a new Guild, just waiting for your Secretary of Promotion to perfect an organization. Oftentimes younger women will form the nucleus for a new Guild Unit. (11) Secure Guild promotion leaflets from Literature Headquarters and distribute to prospective members.

These are just a few suggestions that you can use as a starter in making your own plans. After your January observance of Guild month, let Guild Times know WHAT you did. We'd like to tell other Guilds about it in our spring issue.



## EMMA MAINOUS—BATON ROUGE NEW DISTRICT SECRETARY



Guild Times is happy to introduce to you your new District Secretary of the Baton Rouge District, succeeding Miss Mary Lucille Napier of Kentwood. We regret that Mary Lucille found it impossible to continue in her district work, but we know we will keep in touch with her through her local activities at Kentwood.

And, now, meet Mrs. Clayton G. Mainous of First Church, Baton Rouge, who will be better known to you as "Emma". We will let Emma tell you something of herself in her own words:

"I am a member of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, and the Wesleyan Service Guild. I am a comparatively new Guild member with only 6 years of service. I served as Vice-President of Ingleside Guild, local chairman of Missionary Education, and part of a term as District Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

"The best qualification that I can offer for my new office as District Secretary is that I am doing what I like . . . promoting and organizing . . . with the hope that I can make my years of service count so that our wonderful Guild organization and all that it stands for can go forward and accomplish its goals.

"In the business world, I am employed by the State Department of Public Welfare in the Fiscal Control Bureau, where, as an account clerk II, I do per-audit work. I am a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club."

We are happy to have Emma Mainous at the head of Baton Rouge District work. Since our Spring Conference convenes in Baton Rouge next March we will be seeing evidence of Emma's leadership and will have the opportunity of getting better acquainted with one who has chosen to "give of herself to the Master" as she serves the Louisiana Guilds in the months ahead. We know that the Guilds of Baton Rouge District will cooperate with their new District Secretary in making for that District an outstanding record.

## CAMP BREWER WEEKEND IN JULY

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1959-60 were introduced during the afternoon, by delegates who had attended Mt. Sequoyah Jurisdictional Weekend. On Sunday morning a Model Program was presented with Ruth Guthrie of Bastrop in charge.

Sunday morning at the hour of worship Reverend Lea Joyner used as her text "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord and Make His Paths Straight". As she developed her text she lifted up the women of the Bible who had helped to prepare the way of the Lord. Her message challenged the Guild women of the Louisiana Conference to be about our Father's business as we, today, prepare the way and make our paths straight.

Appreciation goes to those Guilds who so capably conducted the various services, arranged worship centers about the platform, and contributed in innumerable ways to the success of our Twelfth Guild Weekend.

Business-wise, we spent much time in adopting our first set of STANDING RULES for the Louisiana Conference. These Rules have

been given much study and they will come to mean a great deal to our Conference as we put them into effect.

In the business session on Sunday morning a very worthwhile discussion took place on the physical equipment and needs of Camp Brewer. Guild members love Camp Brewer. As we show our keen interest in improving this camp site which is dear to the hearts of us all, we are doing it in a constructive manner, and it is our desire to see that many improvements are made on the grounds so that we may continue to meet at this central site in the Conference in the years to come. It was voted, unanimously, that we return to Camp Brewer in 1959. And it was resolved by many that we appeal to the Board of Trustees of Camp Brewer on behalf of these improvements.

Since the Weekend, steps have been taken that will bear results. Your Guilds will be hearing of these plans as they are perfected by the persons responsible for the physical equipment at Camp Brewer.

It is appropriate here to report to you that the money the Guilds of Louisiana raised for the purchase of a water-well (\$365.00) is in the bank and will be used toward that purpose. This amount, as you know, is not sufficient for the purchase of a well.

The writer has not mentioned the names of many who contributed in some marked way to the success of the Weekend. Space does not permit me to go on, and on, tho, in retrospect I see each of you standing forth as Christian individuals as you help to Prepare the Way by giving of your talents, time and substance. We will see you again next summer, and greet you in the name of Him whom to know is to serve.

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Ruby G. Phillips, Conference Chairman

September ends the first period of the 1958-1959 Conference year—one-third of the entire year. What have you done to make missionary education more meaningful?

You have already met with the Finance Committee and helped to plan the budget for the year. Before now, you have also had your first program planning committee meeting and have set up your study program for the year. Many of you attended the Jurisdiction and Conference Guild weekends in June and July, and some of you were privileged to attend the Conference School of Missions at Centenary College in Shreveport in August.

Now is the time to take advantage of the district seminars as a final preparation for setting up the studies in your local Guilds for the year. If you cannot attend the seminar planned by the Woman's Society of Christian Service in your district, then can't you plan one at a time your Guild members can attend?

Monroe District is making final plans for a tour with a mission to the fields of work located in Louisiana. This is an excellent way to make the work real to us.

Shreveport District is again planning for the presentation of studies in connection with the annual district Guild weekend to be held at Caney Lake, October 4-5. Others, no doubt are planning similar projects.

The following is a brief summary of last year's study program which is being given at this time as a challenge to all of us for this year.

District	J. R.	Efficiency	Total Studies	Total No. Women Studying
Alexandria	6	1	7	120
Baton Rouge	10		10	160
Lafayette	14		14	237
Lake Charles	5	2	7	95
McNroe	4		4	56
New Orleans	9		9	64
Ruston	5	2	7	132
Shreveport	16	1	17	215
Total	69	6	75	1,079

Bogalusa, New Iberia, and Opelousas each had four studies, meeting the requirements for Jurisdiction Recognition last year. New Iberia and Opelousas framed their four J. R. credits and displayed them at Camp Brewer Weekend. They reported that the W. S. C. S. women of their church cooperated with them in having these studies. Abbeville, Logansport, and Park Avenue (Shreveport) each had three J. R. Studies. How many of us can do that well this year?

The approved studies for this year are: Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors, The Middle East, Understanding Other Cultures, and A Study of Isaiah.



## RUTH GUTHRIE AWARDED HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN



Ruth Guthrie (Mrs. Tom), retiring District Secretary of Monroe District, was honored with an Honorary Life Membership from the Guilds of Monroe District, on Saturday afternoon at Camp Brewer. Ruth had served the District for five years and her leadership had extended throughout the Conference and even beyond. The presentation was made by the new District Secretary, Mrs. Fannie (J. B.) Thompson, of Rayville, who succeeds her. Ruth's two daughters-in-law, Boots Guthrie and Jane Guthrie of the new First Church, Monroe, Guild, assisted in the presentation.

It is always a thrill to see a Membership presented. In this instance the "honorary" membership meant that Monroe District had sent \$100 to Missions in the name of Mrs. Tom Guthrie. Mrs. Thompson reported that the District shared 100% in the presentation. Ruth declared that this was one of the happiest moments of her life and those who know Ruth were easily convinced, for the Guild is one of her "loves".

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Bea Sandefur, District Secretary

Alexandria District will have extra space in the next issue. As all of you know, our very fine secretary Bea Sandefur took time off to visit her daughter in Germany, whose husband is stationed there with the armed forces. On August 18th your editor received a card posted in Rome. "... Saw Paris, Venice, Florence and Rome as well as Germany. It's beautiful—the Cathedrals and Temples are awesome..." We'll hear more of that when Bea sees us next. Her enthusiastic work throughout Alexandria District is bearing fruit.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Mrs. C. G. (Emma) Mainous, District Secretary

On July 12th the Baton Rouge District had a joint organizational meeting and Coaching Clinic, with Istrouma Guild of Baton Rouge the Host Guild.

Emma Mainous the newly elected District Secretary presided and business-wise the District plans to have a District Retreat. The District chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. Tina Mae Turner, was appointed chairman of this activity with all the local chairmen of Spiritual Life Cultivation as her committee.

Following the business meeting the coaching clinic was called to order. The same pattern was used that had been used at Sequoyah, bringing the entire organization of Guild, described as a painting—from the District level on to the local.

The panel for the clinic was composed of District President of W. S. C. S. and W. S. G., Mrs. R. O. Coopender; District Treasurer of W. S. C. S. and W. S. G., Mrs. W. Hyde; District Secretary, Mrs. Emma P. Mainous; District Chairman of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Tina Mae Turner; District Recording Secretary, Mrs. Maggie Woods; District Chairman of Missionary Education, Miss Sara Wadsworth; District Chairman of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Dean Causey; District Chairman of Supply Work, Mrs. Mary Lula Hutchinson and Counselor, Miss Lillian Kennedy.

After introducing the President and Treasurer, Emma Mainous the District Secretary gave an interesting summation of her duties and compared it to the local President and Vice-President offices, duties being very similar. Then the District Chairmen of the lines

of work gave presentations of their duties having printed materials and packets for each local chairman, thereby providing some of the tools for them to use.

Following the reports of the chairmen the entire program was summed up by Emma Mainous, and she also gave some suggestions and recommendations for the coming year, these being tid bits from the Jurisdictional meeting in Sequoyah, which she had attended.

Lillian Kennedy, as Counselor spoke favorably of the presentation and praised the value of having all lines of work presented so that each person got a complete picture of the program.

September 7th was the date set for the fall District meeting with Bogalusa as host Guild.

Following the Clinic a social hour was enjoyed. The members were served refreshments.

Mrs. B. W. Causey of the Engleside Wesleyan Service Guild, Baton Rouge, sent in several subscriptions from her Guild and, among other things, reported that they are stressing increased membership, hoping that "each one will win one". They are adopting a little girl at Lee Memorial Missions, Calcutta, India, as their extra project this year. They will enjoy hearing from her from time to time and helping her to know our Christ as they share their material gifts with her.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Maree White, District Secretary

About the finest piece of all-district news is the fact that our five Guilds earned a total of sixteen Jurisdictional Recognition credits for study classes this past year. Abbeville, New Iberia, and Opelousas earned four each; and Lafayette and Rayne earned two each.

In June, 1957, a number of us who attended the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah learned that the Bandera, Texas, Guild had earned four JRs each year for the previous six years. We decided that if Bandera could do it, so could we! And we did. In August this year Marilyn Carter and I had the privilege of attending the Southwest Texas Guild weekend at Mount Wesley, Kerrville, Texas. We had our JRs framed and took them along to show Bandera how far their influence had extended. The Guild Conference Chairman of Missionary Education, Mrs. Sally Lewis, is from Bandera; she expressed her appreciation of our gesture.

An outstanding factor that helped bring about these results was the fine Seminar held in Rayne last fall under the direction of Mrs. Mae Nunez of Abbeville, then District Chairman of Missionary Education. Mae did a fine job not only in the district but in her own Guild.

Another wonderful piece of news in the Lafayette District is that a Guild is being organized in Melville. Mrs. O. L. Golson reports that several meetings have been held and that she has great hopes for the group.

Marilynn Carter and I also attended the Southwest Texas School of Missions at Mt. Wesley. Mt. Wesley is a beautiful Conference camp grounds with fine stone buildings and lots and lots of water! This meeting was followed by the Guild Weekend, after which we drove to Shreveport for the Louisiana Conference School of Missions.

Every Guild in Lafayette District was represented at Centenary: Mrs. Margaret Lanier went from Abbeville, Miss Helen Sullivan from Lafayette, Mrs. O. L. Golson from Melville, Miss Marilyn Carter from New Iberia, Mrs. Dorothy Lasseigne and Miss Olive Hartwell from Rayne, Dr. Mattye Boagni, Mrs. Eva Staggs (our co-ordinator), and I went from Opelousas.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Mrs. Jack D. Gregory, Reporting

A new Guild has been organized in the Westlake Methodist Church, Lake Charles, with the help of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Officers elected at the meeting held August 12th were: Mrs. John A. Carver, President; Mrs. Tommy Miller, Vice-President; Mrs. Richard Umphreys, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. S. Hess, Secretary of Promotion; Mrs. Fred Santa, Treasurer, Mrs. F. O. Roderique, Co-ordinator.

The Julia Reid Unit, WSG of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, entertained the Lake Charles District in a re-organizational meeting on September 21st. The nominating committee composed of Miss Vera See, Lake Charles, Mrs. Ray Cooley of DeQuincy and Mrs. Lena Gibson of DeRidder had an excellent slate to submit for election but the result of the election has not been reported to your Guild Times editor. (The editor will introduce the new District Secretary to you in our next issue.)

Miss Laura Lynch, DeRidder, and Mrs. Jack D. Gregory, Lake Charles, were among the Guilders attending the School of Missions at Centenary in August.



## MONROE DISTRICT

### Fanny Thompson, District Secretary

The best news coming out of the Monroe District this quarter concerns two new Guilds now in full swing. The Southside Methodist Church organized just after the Spring Conference with Mrs. Myrtie Mae Foster as president. Myrtie Mae was formerly a president of W. S. C. S. and comes to Guildom well versed in our great program of missions. Other officers are Betty Antley, Vice-President; Ida Rose Strohm, Recording Secretary; Dorothy Elmen-dorf, Treasurer; Virginia Goodman, Secretary of Promotion; and Mae Goode, Co-ordinator. They organized with 16 members. Among other achievements they publish a monthly news sheet called GUILD-O-GRAM and have edited a year book.

The new Guild at First Church, Monroe, was organized by Elizabeth Langford, Secretary of Promotion of her Guild. Elizabeth knew of the large number of younger employed women at First Church and set about to organize a new Guild. She enlisted the services of Mrs. Joe Halback, a newcomer in the church, and "Jo" became the first president of this new Guild. The new Unit was organized in July and four of its members attended Camp Brewer Weekend. They now boast of 20 members. Besides Jo, President, the other officers are: Boots Guthrie, Vice-President; Glenda Patterson, Recording Secretary; Gyl Rowell, Secretary of Promotion; Meg Page, Treasurer; and Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Co-ordinator. Every line of work has an efficient chairman and this new Unit plans to work with the other Guild at First Church in Mission Studies and other special activities.

**MORE GOOD NEWS: A TOUR WITH A MISSION** will become a realization in October. The dates are the 25th-26th, and the destination is Sager-Brown, Houma and DuLac. A chartered bus will leave Monroe about noon Saturday with Guilders from Monroe District, and any others who wish to join them along the way. Every Guild in Monroe District is being urged to have representation on the tour. Please let Mrs. Agnes Miller, 311 Lakeside Drive, Monroe, know how many will go from your Guild. This information must be in as early as possible. Cost of the tour and other information has been sent each Guild in the District.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

### Mildred Evans, District Secretary

Carrollton Guild—Lillian Gaines

We had two members attending the School of Missions in Shreveport, Emma Kuntz and Dr. Vela Cleveland.

Thirteen members were at Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer. Several new members have been added to the roll and we now have 42 members and 2 honorary members.

Eight members attended the District Guild party at Covington.

Our last meeting was held at the Methodist Home Hospital in the chapel. A special collection was taken for missions. \$27.00 was collected and given to the pastor, Dr. Henry Bowden, who is leaving in September for a mission tour in South America.

The Church of the Redeemer—Mary Taylor

The Wesleyan Service Guild of The Church of The Redeemer in New Orleans held its monthly meeting August 21. Mary Taylor, President, reported attending the closing session of the School of Missions and Christian Service of the Southeastern Jurisdiction at Lake Junaluska, N. C. She described, briefly, the beautiful and impressive pageant, "Light of the World" which was presented by the delegates.

Members of the Guild were the guests at supper and the meeting of the Guild of First Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, August 26, in the recreation room of First Methodist Church.

Gentilly Methodist Guild—Lillian Carlin

Gentilly Guild held its election of officers at the church on the second Tuesday in June, at which time the Co-ordinator, Mrs. Iris Sewell, installed the officers. The District Secretary, Miss Mildred Evans, was present. An excellent program on Juvenile Delinquency was presented. We have gained 2 new members. Plans are being made to have a JR Study with the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Second Methodist Guild—Mildred Evans

Second Methodist Church Guild held its July business and program meeting on Wednesday, July 16, at the home of Mrs. A. J. Haas. They had as their guest, the president of St. Luke's Guild. Miss Gloria Flurry. As usual, our hostess served delicious sandwiches, home made cake, fruit punch, and coffee. Upon leaving each one present was given a small container of home made candy.

A report on the activities and program at Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer was given by Mildred Evans, District Secretary at

the August business and program meeting. Plans are being made for a study class to be held in the fall.

Two new members have been added to the Guild roll.

Twelve people, including the pastor's wife, Mrs. S. Emanuel, went to Covington for the birthday party given by Covington Guild for the district.

Following is News of District Activities:

Guilds of the New Orleans District were well represented at Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer, having 33 people there. Two of these were co-ordinators, Mrs. Daisy Price from Covington Guild and Mrs. Iris Sewell from Gentilly Guild. New Orleans Guilds had a chartered bus for the occasion with 29 people aboard. One from New Orleans and three from Covington arrived by automobile. This very well planned weekend was enjoyed, spiritually, educationally and socially, by all of us. We are ready to return next year, but we hope to an improved Camp Brewer.

Guilds of the New Orleans District presented a camera to Dr. Vela Cleveland a member of Carrollton Guild who was recently commissioned a medical missionary and will be leaving for India.

On Wednesday evening, August 6, the Guilds of the New Orleans District traveled by chartered bus to Covington. The occasion was a birthday party given by Covington Guild for the benefit of the district. Mrs. John (Scotty) DiMaggio, President, presided. A cold plate supper was served with a delicious dessert, coffee, iced tea and nuts. The tables were decorated appropriately and beautifully; one for each month of the year. The guests were seated at the table of their birth month. Mrs. Martha Overby was mistress of ceremonies. Rev. Ensenat, pastor of The Church of the Redeemer in New Orleans gave the invocation. Several short guessing games were played and a wishing well was filled by each guest contributing a penny for each year of her age. Everyone enjoyed this wonderful evening of fellowship.

A new Guild is being organized in New Orleans at St. Mathew's Methodist Church in Airline Park under the leadership of Mrs. Louise Baldridge. She is being very capably assisted in this by Mrs. Ralph (Skip) Brown, acting vice-president. The first meeting will be held on Monday, September 15 at the church for the purpose of electing officers and planning the work for the year.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Adele Nugent, District Secretary

Because there has been illness in the family of our Ruston District Secretary, we do not have a district report at this time. However, we have an interesting news item from Winnie Mae Camp of Haynesville:

"The Wesleyan Service Guild at Haynesville had a treat in August when Miss Geraldine Hunt, who is a former Guild member and is now a rural worker in Virginia, visited with us and showed pictures of the Fifth Assembly held in St. Louis in May. . . . She pointed out the highlights of the meeting and says she is already saving her nickels for the next Assembly four years hence."

Ruston District was represented at Camp Brewer and at the School of Missions.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

The Louisiana Conference Annual Weekend in July was well attended by members of the Shreveport District.

The Guilds were well represented at the Conference School of Missions at Centenary College in August.

Special stress is being placed on leadership from within the individual Guild Units this year. We feel that with representatives attending Assembly, School of Missions and the Conference weekends that Unit leadership is readily available.

Miss Hazel Cooper attended the Assembly in St. Louis in May.

Miss Elizabeth Lowery of Mansfield attended the Guild Weekend in St. Louis, which followed the Assembly.

THE NOEL GUILD reports that their annual fellowship supper was held on August 20th in the home of Mrs. L. G. Thomas (Dorothy Risley). Rev. Fred Shirley was the guest speaker.

The executive committee held its first meeting, committees were set up and detailed plans made for the year. There is a new urgency among the members to seek others for the fellowship and service in the Guild. It promises to be another good year under the leadership of Elsie Ellis.

Shreveport District will hold its SIXTH ANNUAL WEEKEND at Caney Lake on Saturday and Sunday, October 4 th and 5th. THEME: "PREPARE YE THE WAY". The program will begin with

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## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

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Registration at 3:00 p. m., Logansport Guild in charge, followed by getting acquainted, time for literature and other displays, conferences with District Officers.

5:00 Vesper Service.

5:30 Supper.

6:30 Convening of Guild Weekend—Miss Hazel Cooper. Devotional period.

Presentations and Announcements.

6:45 Presentation of Approved Studies for 1958-59, Mrs. Sybil Hale, presiding.

The Middle East, Miss Sybil Kelley, Mangum Guild.

North American Neighbors, Miss Mildred Kee, Park Avenue Guild.

7:30 Fellowship.

7:45 Panel: Organization and Work of the Wesleyan Service Guild—Hazel Cooper, Chairman; Miss Sue Batton, Mrs. B. E. Rodgers, Mrs. Dollie Brown, Mrs. Sybil Hale, Mrs. Leon Hill.

Resource Persons: Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Mrs. E. T. Cowell, Mrs. Wideman Watson.

Benediction.

District Officers meeting.

Sunday, October 5, 1958

6:30 Coffee.

7:00 Morning Watch.

7:30 Breakfast.

8:30 Presentation of Studies, continued—

Isaiah Speaks, Mrs. B. E. Rodgers, Plain Dealing Guild.

Understanding Other Cultures, Miss Hazel Cooper, First Church Guild.

9:00 Presentation of Conference Officers

Messages from: Miss Sue Batton, Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Mrs. E. T. Cowell.

Business Session—Hazel Cooper, presiding.

10:45 Morning Worship—Mrs. B. E. Rodgers, presiding.

Address: "Prepare Ye the Way", Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Conference Chairman Missionary Personnel.

12:00 Dinner.

Adjournment.

## LOOKING AHEAD WITH GUILD TIMES

This issue of Guild Times is the first number in Volume Six. Subscriptions have continued to come in. I hesitate to say that I am disappointed in the number to date, though I am aware of the many reasons for delay in sending in your renewals. Last year we went over the goal set, reaching a total of 510. I told you at Camp Brewer that I am now wanting 600 subscriptions—a goal we can obtain IF every Guild secures subscriptions from at least the executive committee. An informed Guild is a growing Guild. IF you know and keep abreast of the activities of your Conference Guilds you will more effectively achieve the purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Guild Times is not a substitute for other Guild publications. It is your news sheet—a medium through which you share interests and accomplishments with fellow Guilders . . . an opportunity for your Conference Executive Committee to reach you with a program of work . . . announcements . . . calendar of activities, etc.

But why should I, your editor, say more? Because this one issue is being mailed to every Guild president in the Conference whether your subscription is already in or not. Guild Times is published four times a year—the last issue being the July issue. Your \$1.00 subscription covers these four issues. If it is late coming in you might miss an issue.

You will be glad to know that of the 465 subscriptions in to date, 155 are new subscriptions, representing, I assume, new officers, new members and some, just new subscribers! (I'm wondering why the ex-officers do not renew their subscriptions!) And LAFAYETTE and DERIDDER have subscribed 100%.

When Vela Cleveland slipped a note into my hand at Camp Brewer, and walked away, I discovered in the folded paper her subscription for the next six years. Even in India—on the other side of the world—Vela wants the Guild Times. Does that make you want it all the more? Helen Adams in Texas . . . Ethlee Roberts in Colorado . . . Arline Hawkins in Arkansas . . . Harriet Tower in California . . . Mary Gladys Page in Mississippi.

If your address is not correct, please let me know. If, perchance, a subscription does not reach one of your Guild members who has subscribed let me hear from you. If you have news to pass along send it in. Please be the booster in your Guild for Guild Times . . . and thank you.

Your editor—Elizabeth Langford

## HERE AND THERE

Miss Vernon Cameron of Colfax, in sending in her subscription said " . . . I've been through the ordeal of caring for a broken ankle which I had the misfortune of breaking at our Guild meeting on April 19th. After four months of medical care I am about to walk again . . . so, here's my \$1 for Guild Times".

Mrs. K. Waggoner, Olla, Alexandria District, is Promotion Secretary of W. S. C. S. for her District. She sent in her subscription to Guild Times, and is working for more unity between the WSGs and W. S. C. S. of her District. Isn't that excellent!

Louisiana Guilders have been much concerned about Matt Powell of First Church Guild, Baton Rouge. Matt has been hospitalized for more than six months and seriously ill. Our prayers are often lifted in her behalf. Her enthusiastic spirit is missed by so many. Write to her at The General Hospital, 3600 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge.

An announcement in a little blue folder from Houston, Texas says "Our Baby's name is Gerald Vaughn. Arrived August 9, 1958, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces. Gerald and Helen Preston". Congratulations, Helen (Adams) Preston!

Minza Rabun is grandmother again. Son, Joe and Margie, of Monroe, are proud parents of their second daughter, Sheila Jo, born September 4th.

Our Guild members throughout Louisiana have kept the hospital doors open; Jenibe Westbrook of Monroe, former Conference Recording Secretary had surgery in July, but is now back on the job. Estelle Currie and Lillian Kelly of First Church, Baton Rouge, were also victims of surgery but are reported on the well list again.

Louisiana Guilders extend sympathy to Hazel Cooper, Shreveport District Secretary, in the loss of her mother in August. Hazel was called to her home in Kansas, and returned to Shreveport just before the School of Missions.

The Guild Times editor has received Year Books from Unit 1, First Methodist Church, Shreveport, the Southside Methodist Church Guild, Monroe and the Memorial Church Guild of Monroe. Thank you. Let me have copies from other Guilds in Louisiana.

## SUPPLY WORK

Margaret McGowan, Conference Chairman

## JUST A REMINDER!

Our Supply askings are: Home—National College, Kansas City, Missouri. The CASH to be used to furnish the new dormitory. Foreign—Ewha University, Seoul, Korea. The CASH to be used for a weaving loom.

Let us remember that they are relying on the Louisiana Guilds for these assignments. Christ said "It is more blessed to give than to receive". Send your CASH gifts in each quarter, according to the amount asked for in your Guild. Do not over-subscribe. Let your additional gifts go to your Mission pledge, undesignated.

COACHING CONFERENCE FOR  
CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Fall Coaching Conference for the Conference Executive Committee was held at Greenbriar Motel just south of Alexandria on September 13-14 with 13 officers present. Miss Sue Batton, our efficient Conference Secretary, had laid the ground work for a busy program. Those present with Sue were: Marilynn Carter, Conference Recording Secretary; Arline Tyler, Spiritual Life Chairman; Margaret McGowan, Supply Work Chairman; Ruby Phillips, Missionary Education Chairman; Elizabeth Langford, Guild Times Editor; and the following District Secretaries: Bea Sandefur, Alexandria; Emma Mainous, Baton Rouge; Maree White, Lafayette; Dorothy Bengtson, Lake Charles; Fannie Thompson, Monroe; Mildred Evans, New Orleans; and Hazel Cooper, Shreveport.

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DOROTHY BENGTSON

Dorothy  
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New  
Secretary  
Lake Charles  
District

The officers of the Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guilds are happy to introduce to you our newest District Secretary—Miss Dorothy Bengtson of DeQuincy. Dorothy is not a stranger to many of you, as she is a daughter of the parsonage, her father being Reverend W. H. Bengtson, pastor of the Methodist Church at Winnsboro since 1949. Eight years prior to that Dorothy lived in Welsh where Brother Bengtson pastored the Methodist Church. Dorothy received her B. A. in Elementary Education from Louisiana Tech, Ruston, in 1955 and joined the ranks of the teaching profession. She is presently teaching the fourth grade in DeQuincy. As a member of the Methodist Church in DeQuincy, Dorothy is counselor of the Intermediate M. Y. F. and a member of the choir. In her Guild she is Chairman of Missionary Education and Service.

Lake Charles District looks toward a growing and successful future under the leadership of Dorothy and the excellent district officers elected at the September meeting, as the true purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild is perfected in the local churches throughout the district.

## WORDS OF COMMENDATION FROM ALICE PLETZ

Our South Central Jurisdiction Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Pletz, whom many of you met in Alexandria two years ago, renewed her subscription to Guild Times with the following comment: "Also want to take this opportunity to tell you how much Guild Times means to me. I consider it one of the best publications I receive at my desk. I have read with great interest your Secretary's report, along with the reports from your District Secretaries. Louisiana Conference is doing a very fine job . . ."

Alice Pletz is promoting another SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD TOUR. This tour is entitled "UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR"—June 1-13, 1959. On Monday, June 1st the group will meet in St. Louis, depart via New York Central Railway System at 9:55 in special air-conditioned coaches for New York. Tuesday through Sunday noon will be spent in New York attending sessions of U. N., sight-seeing, an island trip aboard the Island Yatch, etc. Arrive in Washington, D. C. on Sunday evening with five wonderful days in Washington, arriving back in St. Louis on Saturday, June 13th. COST \$187.88. Tour includes: Round trip fare in air-conditioned, streamlined coaches,

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MRS. L. B. KILPATRICK

Message  
From  
The  
President

Greetings to the Guild Members! At Mt. Sequoyah, at Camp Brewer, in visits with local Guilds, I have enjoyed the fellowship with many of you, and learning how the Guild program is moving forward.

I want to share with you some of the plans for our Annual Meeting which will be held in Eaton Rouge First Methodist Church, March 3rd through the 8th. Our program theme is "Immortal Tidings in Mortal Hands," and I hope many of you can attend during the week. I know you will begin now to make plans to attend the Guild Weekend.

We have a tentative acceptance by Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, our Division President, to be one of our speakers. The following have accepted our invitation: Dr. Eugene Smith, General Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church; Miss Lucile Colony, Executive Secretary, Woman's Division for India, Pakistan, and Nepal; Mrs. A. R. Marquardt, Jurisdiction Secretary of Foreign Work; Mrs. W. S. Bates, Jurisdiction Secretary of Children's Work. This will be a time of inspiration for all of us who are privileged to attend.

At this season of the year our thoughts turn to the Holy Child of Bethlehem—our Blessed Lord. As we enter into the joyous festivities may we be more aware of the needs of children—His children—both young and old. May the gladness and good cheer of Christmas go with you all until this season comes once more.

Sincerely,

Nellie Kilpatrick (Mrs. L. B.)  
President, Louisiana Conference  
Woman's Society of Christian Service

## LILLIAN JOHNSON WRITES TO LOUISIANA GUILDS

Dakar, French West Africa  
October 13, 1958

Dear Friends:

First of all, I want to thank you ever so much for the cards, letters, telegrams and other expressions of good wishes. At first I declared I would answer everyone personally, but I soon found that would be impossible. The wonderful thing is that the cards keep coming along the way. I have had several from Coaching

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# The SECRETARY'S Pen

I am, indeed, grateful for the wonderful letters and reports coming in from all of the districts in the Conference. You are meeting the challenge of continued membership emphasis. They are also evidence of the growing interest and expanding vision in Guild work.

We are now in the middle of our fiscal year, and it is a good time for each officer, committee chairman and Guild member to take inventory and make an evaluation of her work as a Guild member for the first half. We have had outstanding achievements.

Our Coaching Conference in September was well attended, and the enthusiasm very high. Special emphasis was placed on organizing new Guilds and on taking the approved studies for Jurisdiction credit—membership crusade was stressed and each District Secretary urged to lose no time in getting publicity out to local Units about Guild Month (January). I have received interesting reports from District Coaching Conferences, retreats and other district meetings, and I must say, Our district secretaries are in full swing. I have attended three of the district meetings, also a retreat and regret I could not attend others, but thanks for inviting me. I do believe that promotion must be personal, and the district secretaries who write personal notes to the local secretaries build up a connection that brings in reports and helps the local secretary of promotion see her job as one of personal relationship with officers and committee chairmen. I am more than pleased that we are not "watching but marching" in promoting our Guild work in Louisiana.

Do not fail, local Units, to make plans for Guild Month (January). I have had several letters already, and you are making big plans with emphasis on membership. It would also be a very fitting time to make a survey to determine the need for new Guilds. You will be interested in knowing that we have five new Guilds with others in the process of being organized. Keep your eyes on Lake Charles district. They are now fully organized with Dorothy Bengtson as the new District Secretary. Vera See, Winifred Gregory and others, are doing a wonderful job of promotion. They have reported two new Guilds, and the last to come in from their district is "Vera See Unit" with nineteen members. New Orleans district has also reported new Units, and the reorganization of a Unit.

**REPORTING:** Please get your report books out and mark the time for reporting, in red; we do want more reports, and on time, than we had last time. We cannot keep accurate records and make accurate reports unless all Units report, and report ON TIME. The information is in the record books about how and when to report. Even one Unit failing to report upsets the work in the whole Conference.

Read your Methodist Woman for reports on the trip of our Guild Secretary, Miss Lillian Johnson. I am sure she has plenty of information and inspiration for us.

Take notice of the account in Guild Times of the "tour" to United Nations and other points in the East. I have channeled the information I received from our Jurisdictional Secretary (Mrs. Alice Pletz) to our district secretaries, who will channel to local Units, if they have not already done so.

**SUPPLY WORK:** Please take notice: The new Supply Askings are: (Home) National College. (Foreign) Ewha University, Seoul, Korea. I notice some are still sending to last year ASKINGS.

I attended the Mid-Year Executive meeting of Womens Society of Christian Service in October, and very glad that we could make a progress report. I have just returned from Alexandria where I attended the Program Committee meeting for our Spring Conference in Baton Rouge, March 7th and 8th, 1959. I must commend the committee on working out such an excellent program, and I will be looking for all of your Guilders. Here we have the opportunity of greeting old friends, making new ones, and such wonderful fellowship, inspiration and information.

I cannot close this letter without mentioning our Guild Times Editor, Elizabeth Langford. She is doing a superb job, and if you are not a subscriber, send in your subscription without delay. I notice some sixteen or seventeen Units are not subscribing, and some Units only two or three. I would like to remind you, that Guild Times, Methodist Woman and World Outlook are some of the tools to work with, and how can we make progress without them? Give her a glad surprise and send in your subscription.

After reading all the reports from the Spiritual Life Chairmen, I can definitely see an increased interest in this phase of our Guild program—we all will agree that this is the most important

part of our work, and as we enter into this Christmas Season, may we do so by making a deeper commitment, re-dedicating ourselves to the Spirit and Principles of Christ for the whole world.

Mary God Bless and keep each of you, is my prayer.

Sue Baton  
Louisiana Conference Secretary

## LILLIAN JOHNSON WRITES

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Conferences with signatures of all officers attending. I am most fortunate to have such loyal friends.

The trip has been so wonderful! I keep saying, "It can't keep on being like this." But it does. I have just as much enthusiasm about every new place as I had for the others. Believe me, you never need have any doubts about the work you are supporting. The only bad feature is that there are such dreadful gaps because of lack of personnel. I keep thinking of the wonderful Guild members, and of what a bang-up job so-and-so would do here, and how well another would fit in there. If you could only hear these missionaries and the people themselves begging us to send more workers. Saturday morning I sat in the clinic at Ganta watching Dr. Hyla Watters, who had one hour's sleep the night before, and had had no breakfast by eleven o'clock, and Margaret Prentice, who had also been up most of the night. I wished I could pitch in and help. They have elementary students helping in the hospital. A 12 year old boy was doing the dressings. A discharged leprosy patient with no fingers or toes was assisting in the dispensary. At the hospital in Nyadiri the nurse were also carrying terrific loads. This is true of most of the missionaries I have seen. They are doing as much as possible all over to develop indigenous leadership, and I have met some fine African nurses, teachers and pastors. But it takes staff to train them, too.

One pastor who is doing a fine job has third grade education. Many villages have no church, and in some of the villages where I visited in Central Congo, no child can go to school. In one village they were having their very first day of school. The beginner pupils were gathered in the pastor's home with the new teacher. They were all big, tall young men! The pastor asked us, "What are we going to do with all these girls?" In another village the students had built their own class rooms, and the teachers' houses, of mud and sticks, and are now building a brick church.

On my trip with Lorena Kelly and Noreen Robkin to villages out from Lodja, I spoke to women in eight villages within 24 hours. We did not intend to stop in all those places, but they had sent word that we were coming, and the women were gathered from miles around. I was given the honor of pinning on the Woman's Society pins. One woman came twenty kilometers to get her pin, but they would not let us give her one because she did not qualify. In the village where we stopped toward the end of the day, the women had waited all day for us. Sometime I want to tell you about "Mama Jeremiah," the district leader of the Woman's work. How I wish you could meet her. She is the kind of attractive, dedicated, "go-getter" that so many of you Guild officers are—only she can neither read nor write.

I must tell you about my contacts with the employed women. Formerly, when I asked about Guild possibilities in Africa, there did not seem to be much field for it because there were so few working women. But when I arrived in Southern Rhodesia I began to be asked to speak to groups of teachers and nurses. Single women cannot belong to the Woman's Society, and Mrs. Ralph Dodge, Mrs. Hunter Griffin and others have a committee to work out something for them. Evelyn De Vries started a group in Old Umtali some time ago. These young women are housemaids, and are very much interested in their group. We have sent them materials at their request. I met with other groups at Mutambara, Nyadiri and Lodja. I told them about the work of the Guild, and we talked about simplified groups for them as a beginning. In Nyadiri they set a regular time for their meetings. They had a wonderful group consisting of the African teachers and nurses and the missionaries. Almost everywhere they have asked me to explain the Wesleyan Service Guild. I have done this in church services, Sunday Schools, and in Woman's Society groups.

Perhaps I can write in The Methodist Woman about Dr. Nutting and the team work she, Marcia Ball and Wallace Kinyon are doing. And I do want to tell you all about Mutambara, Umtali, Old Umtali and Nyadiri. Then there was the trip with Bishop Taylor and Everett Woodcock from Elisabethville to Jadotville, Mulungwishii, and Kolweza. From Monrovia, Sally Lewis Brown and I went to Cuttington, Gbarqua (to the U. S. group) and Ganta, where I stayed two nights.

Now I am ready to go to South America for the third part of my trip. I shall write you about that after I get home. . . . .



## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Arline Tyler, Conference Chairman

TO ALL LOCAL UNITS: To every group there comes the experience of loss by death. We of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild have been blessed in that this has not been a frequent experience. We trust that it will continue to be that way. So that we may start a Memorial Book and plan a Service of Remembrance at our Spring Conference, will you please send the full name, name of closest relatives and a brief sketch of the life, and a picture if possible of any member who has passed away since February, 1958? I will need to have this by February 1, 1959. I will appreciate your cooperation in this.

How was Week of Prayer? I do hope the experience for you was meaningful and that your offering was generous that it will be meaningful to others. Be sure to report this.

How about having a special service of dedication to the purpose of the Guild during Guild Month? Resource material for this can be our own Handbook, How To Build a Guild, and Ceremonials.

## MISS LUCILE COLONY TO BE GUEST AT SPRING CONFERENCE

When the Spring Conference convenes in Baton Rouge on March 7th-8th, the Wesleyan Service Guild delegates will have the pleasure of hearing Miss Lucile Colony, Executive Secretary of work in Pakistan and India, of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, New York. Miss Colony will also be on the program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service Conference which precedes the Guild Weekend.

The program committee for the Guild Conference met in Pineville on November 23rd to continue making extensive plans. The entire program promises to be uplifting in every detail. The physical arrangements for the entertainment of delegates is being arranged for by the host Guilds of Baton Rouge District.

Your program Committee Chairman is Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation. Chairman of Local arrangements is Mrs. Emma Mainous, District Secretary of the Baton Rouge District. Others on the program committee and present for the meeting were your Conference Secretary, Miss Sue Batton, and Chairmen of Lines of Work: Mrs. Ruby Phillips, Mrs. Ruth Cowell and Miss Margaret McGowan.

Since you will not receive another issue of Guild Times before attending the Conference, we remind you now to select your delegates with the new Standing Rules in Mind. "VOTING MEMBERSHIP: The Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall have the following voting membership: One delegate from each local Guild for the first 20 members, plus one delegate for each additional 20 members or major fraction thereof . . . . . " Your Guild is not limited in the number of members that attend the Conference, but you must elect your delegates according to the ruling above quoted, to act in an official manner for your Guild.



CHAIRMAN OF PROGRAM  
ARLINE TYLER



CHAIRMAN OF ARRANGEMENTS  
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St. Louis, New York, Washington, D. C.; all transfers to and from railroad stations; all baggage transfers; all tips; hotels in New York and Washington; all sightseeing as outlined, registration for U. N. Seminar. Tour does not include meals or expenses of personal nature.

Many of you heard Minza Rabun tell of the tour to Mexico directed by Alice Pletz. If you want to know more about this wonderful opportunity to enjoy the fun and fellowship of other Guilders, while traveling, write to Mrs. H. C. Pletz, P. O. Box 8192, San Antonio, Texas.

## A LETTER FROM MISS LUCILE COLONY

Your editor wrote Miss Lucille Colony for a "write-up for Guild Times" and, in reply, received the following letter:

"Dear Miss Langford:

The past few days have made me quite excited about the Wesleyan Service Guild week-end at Baton Rouge. On Friday I had a visit with Dr. Vela Cleveland and Dr. Mattie Boagni. They are looking forward to being at your conference in March, and I shall be so pleased to see them there. Then your letter has given me another happy impulse for the meeting. Thank you for your generous welcome.

Concerning myself, perhaps I should say I am a mixture of several cultures and glorious opportunities given me in a variety of locations. My early girlhood was spent in Iowa. During my second year in high school my family moved to Mississippi where I had the joy of study and being graduated from the Mississippi State College for Women. It was during those college years that I became interested in becoming a missionary. After further study at the University of Iowa I was sent to India by the church. My work there was in the field of education. I had the special privilege of work with college girls, helping them to prepare to be teachers. In 1943 I returned to the United States for my third furlough. It was during that year that I was elected by the Board of Missions to be the Executive Secretary of our work in India under the Woman's Division. I have been given the joy of this responsibility throughout the past fourteen years.

That in general is an outline of my life."

Best wishes to you in the fine work you are doing for the Guild.

Sincerely yours,  
Lucile Colony

## IMPROVEMENTS FOR CAMP BREWER

Your editor received the following in a letter from Dr. Bentley Sloane, Conference Executive Secretary, in answer to an inquiry concerning the improvements asked for at Camp Brewer:

"The Board of Directors of Camp Brewer met November 24 in Alexandria with the Executive Secretary, Dr. Bentley Sloane, and the Conference Director of Camping, Dr. Ben Oliphint. Rev. A. W. Townsend presided and Miss Aleene Sanborn of the General Board of Education was present as advisor. A report on Camp Brewer prepared by Miss Elizabeth Brown of the General Board Camping Staff was distributed. This report evaluates the present camp site and gives arguments for and against moving to another and larger camp site. A. W. Townsend then appointed a committee headed by Ben Oliphint to study the report, gather information on the camping program at Camp Brewer, and bring in a recommendation to the Board of Directors early in 1959. If this report recommends that Camp Brewer be maintained on the present site then it will recommend a long range plan of improvement. In the meantime Camp Brewer will be used for the next few years regardless of the committee's recommendations and A. W. Townsend and Mr. Willard McArthur were instructed to proceed with immediate improvements along the following lines: A new water well; improved bath houses, additional benches, etc. A report was made on letters received from Guild members and appreciation expressed for their interest and contributions. Funds donated by the Guild will be used for a new water well and plumbing improvements.

As you see from the above, we are now ready to act on Camp Brewer one way or another.

Sincerely yours,  
Bentley Sloane"



## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Bee Sandefur, (Mrs. Alvin), District Secretary

After having one of those trips "of a lifetime" to Europe, with the tour of Paris, Austria, (those Alps!) Switzerland, Monaco, Germany and, of course, Belgium and the World's Fair, I'm back home again having a wonderful time revisiting the Guilds in my own Alexandria District. I liked Europe, especially Germany, but I was glad to get home.

I've visited the POLLOCK Guild. Mabel Gray, the president, and her members, with the help of the W. S. C. S. gave us a feast—a covered-dish supper. As usual my fine chairmen of Lines of Work were with me—Marie Pace, Louise Roberts and Rowena Lee. There were 33 enjoying this meeting. I showed slides of my trip.

Incidentally, I have shown my slides in Lecompte for Laymen's Day, also to the Bunkie Church for Laymen's Day, and have 4 other appointments.

BUNKIE finished their study "Other Cultures", taught by Ruth Cowell. Ruth was mighty fine to make that trip from Pineville to Bunkie those four nights. Marie Shaffer, her co-ordinator, made the trips with her and fixed the beautiful worship settings for each study.

Rowena Lee and I went to LAFAYETTE on November 9th for their District Coaching Conference. Lafayette proved a gracious hostess and Maree White's program was excellent.

The night I was to visit TRINITY Guild, I took my father to the hospital where he had surgery. He is at home with me now. Louise Roberts, Alexandria, has recovered from surgery she had in October. Elizabeth Randol, Bunkie, had a big operation on her foot, and Meriam Nugent, Colfax has been quite ill, but is better.

TRINITY Guild reports holding individual early morning prayer (6:45); Bunkie is praying each day for "Birthday Missionaries" and Pineville reports using the Prayer Calendar daily. Marie Pace, Spiritual Life Chairman, has done a splendid job in the District. Nine units reported beautiful worship centers, devotionals, and use of Prayer Calendars.

PINEVILLE has finished their first study "Understanding Other Cultures". They had a Japanese lady guest, who described her wedding as an interesting sidelight.

In my visit to the COLFAX Guild I learned that Mrs. W. F. Gatlin's daughter at Northwestern has had the honor of winning a trip to Chicago for her over-all 4-H Club accomplishments. She will also go to New Orleans in April. Bobby Nell has made a name for herself in 4-H Club work and "mamma" Gatlin may well be "the proud one".

In MONTGOMERY I did enjoy the straight and orderly business and 100% attendance. In the well presented program Mrs. Hall, Spiritual Life Chairman, presented the devotional.

Here's the report of our Coaching Conference. We had 9 of the 11 Guilds represented with 37 present. Everyone seemed to be taking notes and many pertinent questions were asked and answered. Pineville Guild—always the perfect hostess—served tea and cookies. Erma Chandler was elected to represent Alexandria District on our Nomination Committee.

Joyce Rogers of WINNFELD reports that they have just completed their study of "Isiah Speaks", taught by the pastor's wife, Mrs. R. H. Staples. They had an enrollment of 17 and a 90% attendance for the four 1-1/2 hour sessions. This is the first time the Winnfield Guild has applied for JR Credit. We hope they will have many such studies in the future. Winnfield is to be host to the district officers in their January meeting.

(Editor's note: Bee Sandefur's father is critically ill. Let us all remember him and Bee in our prayers.)

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Emma P. Mainous, (Mrs. C. G.), District Secretary

BOGALUSA Guild were host to the regular fall meeting of Baton Rouge District Wesleyan Service Guild, on September 7, with the meeting being held at the church.

Emma Mainous, District Secretary, called the meeting to order promptly at 2:30. Nine guilds were represented with a total attendance of 71 members.

The reports of the Presidents were most interesting and enthusiasm for the overall program was high. The reports served as an exchange of ideas and there were many that could be used to a great advantage, especially in working on membership.

Mrs. Maude Wesley of Bogalusa was elected delegate to the conference nominating committee while Miss Hattie Scivicque of Denham Springs was appointed to the District nominating committee.

PONCHATOULA Guild invited the District to meet with them

for the spring meeting. The date for this meeting was set for April 12th, 1959.

Mrs. Coopender, District President of Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild gave the Treasurer's report in the absence of the Treasurer Mrs. W. W. Hyde and gave some valuable information to the treasurers that will help them in making their reports.

Mrs. Tennyne Mae Turner, District Spiritual Life Chairman, who served as Chairman of the District Retreat, gave a report on the plans for the Retreat and set the date for October 5th, at Bluff Creek from 10:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M. The committee working with Tennyne Mae was made up of all Spiritual Life Chairmen of Local Guilds in the District.

A fellowship hour was enjoyed following the meeting.

The Retreat—or day apart—at Bluff Creek was indeed a mountain-top experience for the 35 members who attended, representing 7 Guilds.

The committee and Tennyne Mae did a fine job of planning the Retreat and I feel sure that each person who attended felt that they had indeed been apart with God. The lovely sanctuary of the little Bluff Creek church was used for the Altar service and when the group formed the friendship circle for the singing of Blest Be The Tie That Binds (because of the shape of the space) they formed a cross. This just happened, but what more beautiful closing could we have.

Baton Rouge District is beginning to buzz with enthusiasm as they prepare to put out the welcome mat for Conference in March. The assignments have been given to the committees and the great task is under way.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of BOGALUSA's ESM Methodist Church emphasized the Week-of-Prayer with a special inspirational service led by Mrs. H. F. Wesley. Work of the various programs, which receive financial assistance from contributions made in this "Self Denial Week", was glimpsed through presentations given by Mrs. John R. Wood, Miss Cara Wadsworth and Mrs. Charles Traylor, followed by dedication of offerings from the group. As special guests of the ESM, WSCS at their Week-of-Prayer mid-day luncheon, Guild members led table devotionals which were preceded by worship musical selections by Rev. and Mrs. Robert Crichlow.

At their September meeting the HAMMOND Wesleyan Service Guild had as their guest and speaker, Miss Sheila Nuttal, our Saint Tammany Deaconess. She gave a splendid and most inspiring talk together with the showing of colored slides on "The Fifth Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service" held in Saint Louis last May.

The INGLESIDE Guild is participating in the Community Cash Awards Contest sponsored by a local radio station for assisting social, religious, civic, fraternal and charitable organizations in the Baton Rouge area in augmenting their treasures to carry out their public service work. The Ingleside girls did a real job of collecting loot that counted for points and swelled their treasury by the sum of \$130.00.

The ISTROUMA Guild visited Sager-Brown on the second Sunday in October. Husbands of the members went along and all were impressed with the work being done. There are 55 children in the home now and about 155 in the school. One of the teachers is from British Guiana and hopes one day to return to her country and start a school of this kind there.

FIRST CHURCH Guild had a most interesting study of "Isaiah" during the month of October. Taught by the three pastor's of First Church and attended by members from Istrouma, North Baton Rouge, Winbourne and University church as well as First Church.

NORTH BATON ROUGE Guild had a very unique party for the members of the church. Called it a round up and it truly looked very Western, with decoration to carry out the title, and the host group all dressed in western attire. The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild were co-hostess to this party and each presented their program. Was most interesting and a wonderful way to recruit members. They had the local District officers as guests and finished the evening by having Mr. and Mrs. Brunson from Dulac show pictures and tell about the work at Dulac. They not only told the new members about their work they showed them movies of some of it and finished the program by serving barbecue and having a fellowship hour.

Miss Matt Powell, who has been on the sick list for some time has left the hospital and is temporarily living on the Greenwell Springs road. She attended two or three of the football games and sends along her thanks for the wonderful birthday greetings from all of you.

Miss Lillian Kelly who has been out of the hospital for several weeks following surgery is going to Houston for further treatment. Our prayers and best wishes go with her.



## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Maree White, District Secretary

The Lafayette District met on Sunday afternoon, November 9, at First Church in Lafayette for the fall Coaching Conference. There was a good attendance—every Guild was represented. Having several WSCS members added to our meeting both numbers and interest. Mrs. Bee Sandefur, District Secretary of the Alexandria District, and Mrs. Rowena Lee, President of the Bunkie Guild, were welcomed as visitors from outside our district.

At the business session Miss Dorothy Dunbar of Opelousas was chosen the Lafayette District candidate for the state nominating committee to be elected at the spring meeting in Baton Rouge. We feel that Dorothy is well qualified to serve on this committee since she has been active in Guild work for many years and knows personally so many members throughout the state.

Mrs. Eloi Girard of Lafayette set the tone of the session by her inspiring message on Enthusiasm, a quality so needed by any officer who desires to win others to our group and to work earnestly for the achievement of the Guild purposes. Her emphasis was on the office of President. Other speakers and the offices on which they spoke were: Mrs. Jean Gilmore (Vice-President), Lafayette; Mrs. Jewel Manes (Promotion), Rayne; Mrs. Eva Staggs (Co-Ordinator), Opelousas; Miss Hermine Tate (Spiritual Life), Lafayette; Miss Marilyn Carter (Missionary Education), New Iberia; Miss Dorothy Dunbar (Christian Social Relations), Opelousas; and Mrs. Ernie Fremin (Membership), New Iberia.

A recent letter from Mrs. Alma Devillier, President of the RAYNE Guild tells that they have completed the study "Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors" and that they plan to have "The Middle East" in January. Their goal is three studies this year.

On October 14, NEW IBERIA Guild had a covered dish supper meeting at which new members were received with an impressive ceremony. Their committee on membership is very active, as demonstrated by this splendid program.

The OPELOUSAS Guild participated in the city-wide UNICEF drive on Hallowe'en night in cooperation with women of other churches. This has become an annual project which has benefited a good cause and the people who shared in making it possible. The Opelousas Guild has recently completed the study "The Middle East" with the WSCS.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Dorothy Bengtson, Secretary

On September 28th the Guilds of Lake Charles District met at First Church, Lake Charles. The main order of business was the election of officers. Those elected were: District Secretary, Miss Dorothy Bengtson, DeQuincy; Recording Secretary, Miss Grace Lawson, Welsh; Chairmen: Spiritual Life—Mrs. Ray Cooley, DeQuincy; Missionary Education and Service—Mrs. Byron Rowland, Lake Charles; Christian Social Relations—Mrs. Lena Gibson, DeRidder; Supply Work—Mrs. Laura Lynch, Leesville. Nominating Committee: Misses Vera See, Lake Charles; Rose McCullough, DeRidder; Frances Willard, Lake Charles. Members of the W. S. C. S.: Mrs. E. A. Doland, Lake Arthur and Mrs. John Lewis, Jr., DeRidder. The officers were installed by Mrs. Julia Reid Paxton.

On November 2nd the District officers and the local presidents met in DeQuincy to make plans for the Coaching Conference. It was decided that the conference be held in three different locations during the month of January. The first meeting will be for DeQuincy, DeRidder and Leesville Guilds. The second meeting will be for Vinton, Maplewood, Westlake and all Lake Charles Guilds. The third meeting will be for Guilds of Welsh, Jennings, Lake Arthur and Gueydon. These three dates will be announced. It is suggested that if your Guild cannot make the meeting date assigned you, that you attend the one you CAN make, BUT every Guild in Lake Charles District is expected to make one of the three Coaching Conferences. Your new District Secretary is expecting 100% attendance from the Guilds of the District. See that every officer is there!

Three new Guilds have been organized in the District. First Church, Lake Charles has organized a second unit—the Vera See Unit; The other two new Guilds are at Westlake and Maplewood. This is a wonderful record for Lake Charles District. We'll give you the names of these new presidents in our next issue.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Fanny Thompson, (Mrs. J. B.), District Secretary

Monroe District Guilds, begin now to make plans to attend the Spring meeting in Monroe at Memorial Methodist Church.

We will be unique in that we will combine our annual business meeting and officers Coaching Conference (by precedent), thus making it doubly important that all officers as well as other Guild members attend. You will be notified of the date in a later communication.

The following Guilds reported on their activities during the fall months: WEST MONROE FIRST CHURCH Guild entertained the Monroe Southside Guild at a covered Dish supper.

RAYVILLE Guild invited a foreign student from Northeast College as a guest at a covered dish supper during the study of the Middle East. Exchange of ideas highly informative, sparked by charming personality of guest. The Spiritual Life Chairman created an appropriate worship center for each meeting during the study.

BASTROP Guild is encouraging regular attendance by telephone calls. They hold a fellowship supper on 5th Mondays to recruit new members. Quiet time is observed before each meeting of their Guild.

MONROE SOUTHSIDE Guild edits a monthly news sheet called the Guild-O-Gram. They adopted the shut-ins of the church—visit them, distribute literature, etc. They are conducting prayer cells and cottage prayer groups.

LAKE PROVIDENCE Guild invited a special guest to their meeting—a local girl who worked in Mexico as a student missionary.

MER ROUGE Guild reports that 7 of their ten members subscribe to the Methodist Woman.

MONROE MEMORIAL Guild is placing emphasis on subscriptions to Methodist Woman, World Outlook and Guild Times.

MONROE FIRST CHURCH—Units One and Two participated in a joint covered dish supper with the Woman's Society of Christian Service and shared jointly in the program. The two units also observed the Week of Prayer program in a joint meeting. In January Rev. James T. Harris, District Superintendent, will teach the course "Isaiah". Both Guilds will work for JR Credit. The dates are January 13, 15, 22, 27.

The following report comes from Mrs. Jo Halback, president of the new Guild at First Church:

"When the new Wesleyan Service Guild for young women at First Methodist Church, Monroe, was organized, the first committee appointed was one to select outstanding leaders of Methodism to be considered for the official guild name. At a recent meeting of the new guild, the members voted by acclamation to choose the title ELIZABETH LANGFORD WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD. With her many responsibilities, Elizabeth found time to organize the young group of Christian women in her church in need of spiritual enrichment. Her concern and understanding have been an inspiration to every member, and the group expressed the sincere desire to live up to their dynamic namesake.

Mrs. E. N. Jackson has accepted the position of Co-ordinator of the guild.

A Christmas Party is planned by the members and escorts for December 12 in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Committees are active sending timely invitations, decorating, and planning entertainment and refreshments. A money tree will be the highlight of the party, the shiney coins to be given to a worthy cause. In January a joint study will be directed by Dr. James T. Harris on the book of Isaiah. Under capable direction, we of the Elizabeth Langford Guild feel we have a strong basis for true Christian growth.

Jo Halback, President"

The most encouraging single thing that all Guilds reported was an emphasis on prayer, worship centers, and well presented devotionals—demonstrating a renewed and sustained effort to deepen the spiritual life of all Guild members. Surely there is no better way to promote God's work than to begin with the individual.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

CARROLLTON Guild recently finished a mission study class on "The Middle East Pilgrimage" and received JR Credit. As a result of this study we are sending good used clothing to Church World Service to be used wherever the need is greatest.

In October we held our meeting at St. Mark's Community Center and after the meeting had a baby shower for Evelyn Mott, one of our members.

In November we had a potluck supper meeting with a bridal shower for GERALINE Rivet. GERALINE was married to Eugene Hart in Carrollton Methodist Church on Sunday, November 23, at 2 P. M.

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We are planning a Christmas party on December 30, and will bring gifts for the Methodist Home Hospital.

COVINGTON—Mrs. Scotty DiMaggio, President—At a recent bazaar held jointly by the W. S. C. S. and the W. S. G., the sum of \$374.00 was realized for the benefit of the building fund of the Church School Building. Chicken-shrimp gumbo, hot dogs, coffee, soft drinks, cake booth, potted plants and needle work were among the many attractions.

Six members of the Wesleyan Service Guild attended the recent book review held in New Orleans at Rayne Memorial, sponsored by First Methodist.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH—Elizabeth Beard, President—Rev. Art Baker and his fiancé were entertained by the Guild at a reception recently.

A book review was given for the New Orleans District on Wednesday, November 19, at Rayne Memorial. This was sponsored by the Guild of First Church. Mr. Harnett Kane, well known New Orleans author reviewed his latest book "The Southern Christmas Book", in which is given a "moving, glowing picture of Christmas in the South". Refreshments of coffee and Swedish cookies was served. The tables were beautifully decorated with autumn flowers. Hazel Gundlach was mistress of ceremonies and introduced Mr. Kane.

METairie Guild—Lynn Foil, President—The Guild observed the Week of Prayer with a most inspiring service conducted by Anita Cory.

MUNHOLLAND Guild—Mrs. Jerry Wier, Reporter and Mrs. Dorothy Kimball, President—Munholland Guild held study classes beginning Monday, October 20, and ending November 10, on the "Middle East Pilgrimage". The classes were held in the Educational Building. At the last session, two exchange students from Tulane University; one, from Jordan and one from Iraq, addressed the group, telling them about their countries, customs and people, which was quite interesting.

RAYNE MEMORIAL—Lucille Wells, President—The annual Christmas party given by the Guild for the patients at the Methodist Home Hospital is being planned. There will be a gift for each patient. Games will be played and refreshments served. At a later date, Mrs. Millie Millard will entertain the Guild members in her home for their annual Christmas party.

SECOND METHODIST — Mildred Evans — Second Methodist Guild held its study on the "Middle East Pilgrimage" beginning Monday, November 3, and ending Monday, November 24. The group met at the home of their President, Mrs. Kathryn Wallace. Mrs. A. J. Haas, Missionary Education Chairman was the teacher. The second class session was conducted by Azilda Evans. At the last session we had as our guest, Mrs. D. T. Baker, a registered nurse, who recently returned from Saudi Arabia. She was connected with the Arabian American Oil Co. at their hospital while there. She showed color slides of the land and its natives that she had taken while there, and told us many things concerning the customs and life of the natives. While stationed there, she visited Lebanon, Hong Kong and Cyprus and told us many interesting things about these places, and also showed us a few of the color slides she had of these places.

Annual Christmas party will be held at the home of Mrs. A. J. Haas on Wednesday night, December 3.

Plans are being made to entertain the Woman's Society of Christian Service at a buffet supper in January in observance of Guild month.

We are happy that the pastor's wife, Mrs. S. Emmanuel has recovered from her operations and is regaining good health.

ST. MATTHEW'S Guild—Louise Baldridge, President—This is our newest Guild in the New Orleans District, organized in September. Their first meeting was held September 23, and officers were elected at that time. During the Week of Prayer observance, a prayer group was formed, which meets at the sanctuary every Wednesday evening, from 7 P. M. to 7:30 P. M.

On November 18, the group visited the Methodist Home Hospital and had members of the W. S. C. S. as their guests. Visits to St. Mark's Community Center and the Wesley Foundation in New Orleans are being planned. Members of the Woman's Society will again be guests on these tours.

## DISTRICT NEWS

Guilds of the New Orleans District observed the Week of Prayer with a joint service held at First Methodist Church. Mrs. Willie Ray Jones, District Spiritual Life Secretary, was in charge, assisted by Mildred Evans, District Secretary. Mrs. Lynn Foil, District Missionary Education Secretary, gave a brief talk on the projects to which the offering will be sent. The principal speaker of the evening was Rev. Dr. Everett F. Hallock of Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Hallock is the Southwest Area Representative for the American Leprosy Missions, Inc. and gave the noon day devotionals at the Church House, 330 St. Charles Avenue during that week. Dr. Hallock gave a very interesting talk, telling us about leprosy and its victims. Our organist was Mrs. Annabelle Angelette of the Church of the Redeemer.

A District Meeting and Coaching Conference is planned for Sunday afternoon, November 30, at Gretna Methodist Church.

(You who have Mildred Evans on your mailing list will want to know that she has moved and her new address is 2 Chatham Drive, New Orleans 22.)

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Adele Nugent, (Mrs. Earl), District Secretary

Twenty-six members representing seven out of the ten Guilds of the Ruston District gathered at Caney Lake October 5th at 2:00 P. M. for the annual Coaching Conference. An inspiring devotional was given by the Farmerville Guild. All lines of work were discussed with a Guild member serving as chairman. This was followed by a question and answer period which proved most successful. Miss Sue Batton, Conference Guild Secretary, talked to us briefly.

Week of Prayer and Self Denial was observed by almost all Guilds. Many plans are being made to observe Guild month in January.

Several Guilds have reported JR Studies now in progress.

GRACE CHURCH Guild reports an interesting news item: They had a telephone conversation with Lillian Johnson in her apartment in New York. See the October issue of Methodist Woman, page 35. "Through one of the Guild members who works for the telephone company, and by courtesy of the Bell Telephone Company, the telephone conversation was amplified in the church for the Guild meeting . . . and I talked 15 minutes to the Guild." (How unique can these Guild members get?—Employed women certainly have an entre into exciting experiences! Editor)

Grace Church Guild also reports that they will complete the study of "Middle East" with a covered dish supper in the home of the co-ordinator, Mrs. P. K. Smith. A young man, a Tech student from Lebanon, will speak to the group.

Adele wishes to use the medium of Guild Times through which to thank so many of you for the cards and letters sent to her and Earl during their illnesses, and the death of Earl's father. The prayers and expressions of sympathy have meant a great deal to Adele and Earl. Let us continue to remember them in our prayers.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

The Sixth Annual Weekend and Coaching Conference of the Shreveport District was held at Camp Caney on October 4-5.

Approved studies were presented by members of the Guild Units. Effectiveness of presentation was proven by the amount of literature purchased by the Guild members. Miss Sybil Kelley of Mangum, Unit 1 presented the Middle East. Members were provided with mimeographed sheets of receipts and bits of wisdom from that section of the world.

Mildred Kee of Park Avenue presented North American Neighbors, with interesting posters and suggestions for study groups.

The panel on Saturday developed into a lively discussion which lasted until bedtime. Mrs. Wideman Watson and Mrs. George Dameron made valuable contributions to this discussion as members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

We enjoyed having Sue Batton our Conference Secretary, as a resource person for the Saturday session.

The most exciting news from the District is the possibility of a new Unit in Vivian. The Woman's Society of Vivian sponsored a buffet supper at the church, November 4th. Tables set up in the form of a cross were beautifully decorated. About fifty guests were present. Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service spoke on the importance of the Guild as a means of service and satisfaction for the employed women of the church. Following the talk by Mrs. Kilpatrick, there was a question and answer period led by Hazel Cooper. The meeting closed with a presentation of the spiritual life program of the Guild by Arline Tyler, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life. Reverend Whitaker closed the session with a meaningful commitment talk.

The Study program is progressing though we do not have reports from all Units.

PARK AVENUE Unit has completed and received their JR Continued on Page Seven



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for Understanding Other Cultures. Action resulted from the study too. They have organized a reading circle. Books in this area of interest are being passed about from member to member.

They have completed the study on the Middle East. This one is for credit too.

In recognition of the Woman's Society, the Guild had a surprise birthday party at the luncheon meeting of the W. S. C. S., complete with cake. They reported a wonderful time.

MANGUM, Unit II has completed the study "Isaiah Speaks" and the JR is applied for. Miss Alma Levins conducted the study. The group averaged 88% attendance.

NOEL MEMORIAL also had an October birthday party in honor of the W. S. C. S. Food, fellowship and fun, following their evening meeting. The Unit has completed its study on The Middle East. JR applied for. The final session of the study was made most interesting by an exhibit of articles and objects of art from the Middle East, arranged by Martha Nicholson.

The Week of Prayer was observed by a silent breakfast. This is becoming a tradition at Noel. Let us have other Units follow this plan.

THE LOGANSFORT Guild observed the Week of Prayer with a breakfast at the church. An offering of \$7.90 was made.

Study on the Middle East was completed in November. Mrs. Viola Conway was the leader. Mr. Carey Shirey, a member of the Logansport Church, who has just returned from the Middle East showed film strips which he had taken and gave an interesting talk on actual experiences. Four of the group attended Caney Lake Coaching Conference.

The District Guild Standing Committee will meet, Sunday, December 7th at Business Girls' Inn. Plans will be made at this session for the Guild Month Banquet.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Ruth B. Cowell, Chairman

November 29, 1958

At this time of year we may be thinking of several things . . . among them Christmas, and the birth of the Christ Child . . . the beginning of a new calendar year. But don't they, after all, have the same connotation? A new and fresh beginning . . . a new looking-toward-the-future sort of thing! As we come to the end of this year let us evaluate what we have done (or left undone) and between ourselves and our Lord contract to do better in the fresh year ahead.

Have many of you studied "Understanding Other Cultures"? If not, please do! We have found it most inspiring. It will tend to broaden your horizons and enlarge the understanding of your heart. I believe it will make for more kindly living throughout each day. To my way of thinking it is one of the finest Christian Social Relations studies we have had.

At Sequoyah we received an interesting skit from Dr. Highbaugh. I have a copy of it and a fine "check list" to be used with the study. I'll be glad to send a copy to any Guild that would like it, and you may have it mimeographed for your own use.

Are you keeping up with the Foreign Policies of our country and the trends of your state and city politics?

Did you read the article in September's (1958) McCall's Magazine entitled "The Story Nobody Tells You About the South"? It would bear studying. Would you be interested in attending the 1959 Churchmen's Washington Seminar, February 3-6, 1959? I have an application and information if you would be interested.

Let us put our shoulders to the wheel, and looking ahead, work for the good of all. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and "God Bless you all".

## CONFERENCE SUPPLY WORK

Margaret McGowan, Chairman

REMEMBER SUPPLY

Our askings this year through May, 1959 is for CASH only. HOME ASKINGS . . . National College, Kansas City, Missouri. FOREIGN ASKINGS . . . Ewha University, Seoul, Korea.

Just a reminder to all Guild treasurers: All monies must go through the Woman's Society of Christian Service Treasurer. "Thou shall truly tithe . . . year by year". Deut. 14:22.

## OUR SYMPATHY TO

Miss Mary Searles—Minden Wesleyan Service Guild—in the loss of her mother, Mrs. J. B. Searles, on November 5.

Mrs. Hazel Golson—Opelousas Wesleyan Service Guild—who recently lost her father, Mr. Charles Stewart.

The following poem was written by Myrtis Day of the Shreveport Guild (April 7, 1958) and dedicated to her son, Clarence, Jr.:

The Rim of Paradise

or

Beyond The Light!

Today

Our silver plane

Climbed upward through a shroud

Of fog and rain

And Lo! Above the storm

We touched the shining rim

Of Paradise—

Sunlight,

Flooding the crest

Of erstwhile heavy clouds,

Transformed their darkness

Into dazzling light;

Mass on mass of soft and fleecy peaks

Floated underneath

As if God had ladled

From some great celestial hemisphere

This fluify luminous stuff!

Of Heavenly mix;

We seemed to look upon His face,

Yet could not see—

So blinding was His glory,

All encompassing—

When earthly hours

Are resolute and dreary,

Clouds lowering,

We who have seen this vision

Beautiful, Divine,

Shall not forget

That through the denseness of life's

Raging storms,

GOD IS—

And beyond—there shines

THE LIGHT.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR  
PRAYER CALENDAR FOR 1959?

For the first time, the PRAYER CALENDAR for 1959 presents the projects and workers of all the divisions of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, the Woman's Division of Christian Service, the Division of World Missions and—added this year—the Division of National Missions. It also includes the names of the officers and elected staffs of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

Space does not permit us to give you all the facts and uses concerning this outstanding publication. Its use is being widely promoted by our Louisiana Guilds. When you buy your copy, read carefully the introductory pages concerning the use and growth of the Prayer Calendar. Introduce it to your Guild Members. Let the Guild Times know how you, as a Guild, or as individuals, might be using the Prayer Calendar during 1959. (Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio. Price—60c, 3 for \$1.50.)

SECRETARIES OF PROMOTION—Your next local report is to be made to your District Secretary by January 20th. One copy goes to your local W. S. C. S. Secretary of Promotion and you keep the third copy in your record book. Could we possibly have a 100% record throughout the Conference?

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Ruby G. Phillips, Conference Chairman

Congratulations are extended to Alexandria District for having completed 8 Jurisdictional Recognition studies since June, 1958. Baton Rouge District comes in for second place honors with 5 studies completed. Shreveport District ranks third with 4. The total number of studies to date is 27.

I am very happy to recognize the following Guilds that have reported JR studies for the first time since I have been your conference chairman of Missionary Education: Nolly Memorial Church at Jena, Pollock, Winbourne Church in Baton Rouge, and Winnfield. We hope there will be many more "firsts" before this year ends.

This year's list of approved studies is a most challenging one, and we can certainly profit from the study of these inspiring themes. I quote from Mrs. Bagshaw's article in The Methodist Woman for December, 1958:

"The more they read  
The more they know;  
The more they know  
The more they care;  
The more they care  
The more they pray;  
The more they pray  
The more they give;  
The more they give  
The more they read."

This is truly a "service circle" that reaches around the world.

If you have not already had the study on The Middle East, make plans for it now. See suggestions for teaching this study in the September issue of The Methodist Woman.

May I urge you to be prompt in reporting your studies. The spring term has a way of slipping by, and remember that your reports must be in by May to be counted in the 1958-59 Conference year, which ends May 31.

May peace and joy be yours at this Christmas season, and may the new year point to greater opportunities for service.

## OUR QUADRENNIAL GOALS FOR 1956-1960

As we enter into the New Year we are conscious of the fact that our Goals for this quadrennium have less than two years to be realized. Is your Guild, and your District, lifting up these Goals before your members so that we might more earnestly strive toward their realization?

Review them again at your next meeting. As a New Year Resolution, resolve to give them serious application both individually and as a Guild Unit. By so doing you will develop "The Spirit of Christ—For all of Life".

### QUADRENNIAL GOALS—1956-1960

The Spirit of Christ—For All of Life

The Call: To every member of every Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild—

1. To commit herself to the spirit and principles of Christ for the whole world.
2. To accept responsibility in the total program of the local church.
3. To interpret the place of the educational institutions of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the World mission of the Church.
4. To confront the local church with the challenge of recruitment for missionary and deaconess service.
5. To create a fellowship without barriers in local church and community.
6. To identify herself with peoples of the world.
7. To speak and act boldly in Christ's name for justice and peace for all people.

Have you invited your District Secretary to meet with your Guild? She just might be waiting for an invitation. As you read the news of the different districts, note how much visiting is being done by our District Secretaries. They are a wonderful inspiration to the local units, once you know them in person!

## JANUARY IS GUILD MONTH

HOW ARE YOU PLANNING TO OBSERVE GUILD MONTH? For suggestions see Guild Times of December, 1957; The Methodist Woman, December, 1955 and January, 1956. Let us know of the results of your Guild Month observance.

FROM MARION LELA NORRIS: "Today the September issue of Guild Times came and I have been delighted to read of all the Guild has been doing in your Conference. To think that this was your 12th Guild Weekend. Congratulations to you and all those cooperating with you. I enclose my dollar. Success to Louisiana Guild Conference."—(Essex County Sanatorium, Vernon, New Jersey.)

MRS. HARRIET RUSSELL formerly of West Monroe Wesleyan Service Guild, writes: "Dear Louisiana Guilders. It became my happy privilege to be assigned as Head Resident of Mobile County Rural Center, Mt. Vernon, Alabama on September 1, 1958. This little booklet describes something of the history of this project. I am occupying one of the Apartments in the Duplex described, which was built in 1950. There are no dormitory facilities here as all school children live in their own homes and are transported by bus, except for the few who are in walking distance. Mine is a very unique position in that I do no teaching. The duties of a Social Worker are difficult to define, but I must say that within the last 6 weeks I have found many and varied tasks at which to be engaged. Remember us in your prayers."—(Mobile County Rural Center, Route 1, Mt. Vernon, Alabama.)

## Dear Guild Times Subscribers:

After spending about ten days rounding up the news and editing the material, I have saved my own comments until the very last, before going to press. I am both delighted and a wee bit disappointed. Delighted because you who have contributed to Guild Times have been so very wonderful and so co-operative. And your favorable comments have been greatly appreciated. What measure of success we have achieved is because you have made it possible. To date (December 6th) we have 546 subscriptions (60 more than this date last year). Of this number 198 are new subscriptions. I'm wondering about the 165 who did not renew. In some Guilds the subscriptions for officers are in the budget and this explains some new subscribers each year, as well as drops. We had hoped that those persons would renew on their own, because of the interest created while in office. Their addresses are still on plates, ready to be returned to the active file!

If my record as to local presidents is correct, there are 27 Guilds where the president is not a subscriber. And there are 18 Guilds in the Conference with not a single subscriber.

Rather than have those Guilds miss out on our Conference news, I am again mailing Guild Times to EVERY Guild. If you are not a subscriber, send in your \$1 and help our Conference reach 100% in Guild subscribing. Thank you.

As you enter into the new calendar year, may you also enter into a new year of dedicated service to Him whose birth we are honoring at this season. There is something I like about new years, new beginnings, starting-over . . . . being able to say again "This one thing I do . . . ."

At your quiet hour, or prayer time, remember your Conference officers. Together we can attempt great things for God and the purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild can be realized because each of us has said "Here am I, use me".

Your Editor,  
Elizabeth Langford

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## "Immortal Tidings In Mortal Hands"

MRS. J. H. MCSWEEN  
CONFERENCE TREASURER



MRS. J. H. MCSWEEN

Mrs. J. H. McSween of Alexandria, whom many of you already know, is rendering such wonderful service to our Conference as Conference Treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Her job is a tremendous one, requiring a vast amount of her time and experience. The members of our Executive Committee who work with her have learned to greatly appreciate the contribution she makes to our Guild program. Whenever possible, she is present at all of our Executive meetings, our Conference meetings and Guild Weekends. Receiving and disbursing such large sums of money as must be handled by the Louisiana Conference is indeed a great responsibility and we take this opportunity to express our appreciation for one who does the job so wonderfully well.

Mrs. McSween attended our Spring Meeting and participated in the Pledge Service with our President, Mrs. Kilpatrick. Your editor asked her for a financial statement, in order that you may know what monies you have paid to date. Although your Conference Secretary included these figures in her report at Conference, many of you will want to have the information also:

Pledge to Conference for 1958-59	\$14,375.00
For the first 3 quarters you have paid:	
On Pledge by Districts	\$11,603.85
Offering Guild Weekend July '58	145.74
	\$11,749.59
Cash for Supply Work—Home	643.49
Cash for Supply Work—Foreign	688.63
Week of Prayer	1,125.18
	\$14,206.89

We feel assured that we will more than meet our pledge of \$14,375.00 when the last quarter is remitted. The pledge service on Saturday afternoon challenged each Guild member present as Mrs. McSween and the eight District Secretaries made their pledges for another year, and Mrs. Kilpatrick, Conference President, accepted the pledge for \$15,170.00. Mrs. C. B. McGowan illustrated the remarks made by placing before the illumined head of Christ a lighted candle, an open Bible, a Cross, and a globe of the World. The District Secretaries pledged the following amounts (made on a percentage of membership from each District): Alexandria—\$1,600; Baton Rouge—\$2,300; Lafayette—\$950; Lake Charles—\$1,800; Monroe—\$2,010; New Orleans—\$1,950; Ruston—\$1,960; and Shreveport—\$2,600: Totaling \$15,170.00.

... Yes, the "mortal hands" of almost three hundred women of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Louisiana Conference were re-dedicated to holy tasks as a record attendance gathered in Baton Rouge on March 6, 7, 8 for the 8th Conference Spring Meeting, with the First Methodist Church as host church and the Capitol House as headquarters.

The theme of the Conference was developed in every detail and those responsible for its success are deserving of much appreciation from all who participated in the well planned program. Mrs. Clayton (Emma) Mainous, Baton Rouge District Secretary served as General Chairman. With her entire District sharing in committees assigned there was much evidence of months of working and planning. Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Spiritual Life Chairman was Program Chariman and her efficient planning set the tone for a spiritually enriched program.

The Conference Secretary, Miss Sue Batton, presided over the business sessions, with Miss Marilyn Carter, Recording Secretary, assisting. Miss Batton had been in attendance at the meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service preceding our Conference and she very capably united the objectives of the two divisions of our Woman's Division. We were very fortunate to have the President, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, the Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. McSween, the Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. C. B. McGowan; from the Jurisdiction, Mrs. Sam Dunbar, and from the Woman's Division—Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Member of the Guild Standing Committee. These well-informed leaders contributed greatly as resource persons in our Executive meetings, as well as being an inspiration from the platform.

Our Conference always has an outstanding personality from the Woman's Division to be the main speaker of the Conference. This year we were fortunate to have Miss Lucile Colony, who charmed us with her warm friendship immediately. We truly felt humble and silent as she revealed to us the need for "Mission Today". And of course we were fortunate to have with us, on the eve of her departure for India, our own Dr. Vela Cleveland. Vela sailed on March 11th for her new work in Kolar, India. These two persons will continue in our prayers as they give of themselves for others.

Saturday evening we instituted a new phase in our program when Miss Lillian Kennedy of First Church conducted a Memorial Service for two Guild members of Baton Rouge District who had passed away during the year, Miss Lucille Nesom of Tickfaw, in Tangipahoa Parish, and Mrs. Margaret Warner Porter of Amite. From the large lighted candle, which had been molded from bits of candles gathered from missionaries all over the world by Julia Reid Paxton of Lake Charles, candles were lighted for these two lives as Lillian Kennedy closed her fitting remarks with this prayer: "Father, we thank Thee for the lives of these two friends, Lucille Nesom and Margie Porter. We thank Thee, too, for the words of Jesus, 'I am the resurrection and the life'. In these memorial moments we gratefully acknowledge Thee as Lord of the living, rejoicing that when we 'lay in dust life's glory dead' that 'from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be'. Amen. The solo 'Sunrise Tomorrow' by Miss Lois McGehee of First Church was a fitting rendition preceding the Communion Service and the Dedication of Gifts.

It is always impossible to bring an adequate report of a conference to those who are not fortunate enough to attend. Just words do not suit the telling. On Sunday morning a beautifully planned "Quiet Breakfast" was attended at the Capitol House. Mrs. W. E. Trice brought the message during the hour, as she stressed the urgency of witnessing for Christ here and now.

After the Sunday morning business session Mrs. Glenn Laskey delivered the closing address as she complimented the Wesleyan Service Guilds of Louisiana on their work, and their service. Being a member of the Woman's Division and having the opportunity

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# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Since my return from our 8th Annual Spring Meeting in Baton Rouge, I have been very busy reading all of the good reports of Conference officers and District Secretaries, that were placed in our report packets at Conference. Truly Guild work is on the march, and we are witnessing each day in a Glorious way.

I am sure your hearts were warmed as mine was over the wonderful success of our Spring Annual meeting. When the District Secretary of Baton Rouge District, and general chairman of the Conference, informed me on Friday that we had 260 already registered and this number did not include the Conference officers, well! you can imagine how thrilled I must have been. Not so much over the increased number, but of the interest and concern of Guild members.

As your Conference Secretary, I want to thank you again for your wonderful co-operation and support, and especially Baton Rouge District for the wonderful hospitality and warm welcome. You did a magnificent job. All of the speakers brought us a great challenge and we so appreciate each one. We want to thank Miss Lucile Colony, from New York Executive Office, for the inspiration she brought us in her most charming manner. Also our own Mrs. Virginia Laskey for the inspirational Missionary talk, and Mrs. W. E. Trice for the quiet breakfast meditation. We were all inspired by the untiring efforts of Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, President of WSCS, and the other Conference and Jurisdiction officers, for after the close of their busy Conference they saw fit to stay over with us to give us encouragement. Also Mrs. Ruth Jones Cadwallader. In June of 1957 Mrs. Cadwallader was elected as a MEMBER AT LARGE of the South Central Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guilds; therefore on our Guild committee, as well as on the other Committees in the South Central Jurisdiction. It was good to have Dr. Vela Cleveland with us just before her departure on March 11th. She will continue to be a challenge to us as she works in India as a Pediatrician.

We must continue our giving to Missions. The needs are so urgent around the world.

Please read the instructions in Guild Times about our Jurisdiction Guild Weekend. Also send me a copy of your registration so I can turn back our quota, if we do not use it, before June 1.

NOTE: As soon as your new officers and committee chairmen are elected, please send me a list of same. You will find this report in the back of your Promotion Secretary Report book. This is very important, for a copy has to be sent by me to the New York Office, and I cannot complete the officers list for our Annual until this is completed. This also applies to District Officers.

If you did not make the United Nations tour to be held during Easter week-end, take notice of a second United Nations Seminar for next summer, June 1-13. It includes a tour from St. Louis to New York, back via Washington, D. C. for tours of Government departments. Your District Secretary will furnish you with further information. Also see your January issue of Guild Times.

For the first three quarters we have seen growth in all phases of our work, but continue your efforts to reach the unreached employed women. We have more women employed today than ever before, and we Guilders must get busy. Also remember to grow we must study, so continue your study courses.

I have also been greatly impressed with all of the reports coming in about Guild Month celebration. It shows we are concerned.

A great spirit is moving in the hearts and minds of the Guilders in Louisiana. Evidence of this is shown by the number of new Guilds reported in your Conference Secretary's report, and the progress reports from all lines of work.

Thank you again,

Sue Batton  
Conference Secretary of  
Wesleyan Service Guild

## "IMMORTAL TIDINGS IN MORTAL HANDS"

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of such wonderful experiences in our woman's work, she is an inspiration to those who are blessed by having known her.

We have only brought you some of the high lights in this report—there were many others. You will be hearing of them in District Conferences and at Camp Brewer in July.

AMONG OTHER RECORDS ACCOMPLISHED at this Spring



(l to r) Mrs. Widerman Watson, Conference Chairman Literature, WSCS; Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary; Miss Lucile Colony, Executive Secretary Woman's Division.

Meeting was the fact that your Executive Committee was present 100%. All of the 8 District Secretaries (what an outstanding group they are), Chairmen of all Lines of Work, your Conference Secretary, Recording Secretary and Guild Times Editor spent a number of hours in Executive sessions with the women assisting who are on the Committee from the Woman's Society of Christian Service, on the Conference, Jurisdiction and Division level. Louisiana Conference is fortunate to have so excellent a group of dedicated women leading us.

Several items of business we must give you now: Your Conference Nominating Committee was elected with Minza Rabun (Bastrop) Chairman, and Louise Baldrige (New Orleans), Dorothy Dunbar (Opelousas), Elizabeth Lowery (Mansfield) and Adele Nugent (Ruston).

It was recommended that all monies received as a result, or out-growth of study, be sent to Missions, Undesignated.

The dates for JURISDICTION GUILD WEEKEND are June 19, 20 21., beginning at 6:00 p. m. on the 19th at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Theme: To Kindle a Growing Light. Cost: \$4.85 (2 night's lodging on the mountain, registration and insurance fee for the 3 days). Only a limited number can be accommodated on the mountain. If you are interested, send registration to District Secretary before the quota is filled.

The delegates elected to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend were: Emma Mainous, Baton Rouge; Hazel Cooper, Shreveport; and Bee Sandefur, Bunkie. Dorothy Bengtson, Lake Charles, was elected as alternate delegate to the Jurisdiction School of Missions.

YOUR CONFERENCE GUILD WEEKEND AT CAMP BREWER will be July 17, 18, 19. We hope to send you a special bulletin on this program after the Program Committee meets in April.

CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS will be at Centenary College August 20-21.

Our 1960 SPRING CONFERENCE will be held at Noel Memorial Church in Shreveport.

## SUPPLY WORK

Margaret McGowan, Conference Chairman

Guilds throughout Louisiana will be glad to know that the SUPPLY ASKINGS for 1958-59 have been met. You who have not sent in your money may add it to your last quarter to MISSIONS. Before June 1st you will receive the new ASKINGS for 1959-60.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Arline Tyler, Conference Chairman

Let us stretch our spiritual cords during these days of Lent through a more careful study of the life of our Risen Christ. This can be done through a re-study of the Gospels. In this study I would also recommend Charles Layman's "The Life and Teachings of Jesus". For devotional reading I believe you would enjoy Faith Baldwin's "Face Toward Spring" and "Many Windows". May this Easter truly be a resurrection for our hearts and life.

May I thank each of you for your prayers and efforts that went into making our Spring Meeting such an enriching experience.





(l to r) Mrs. Clayton Mainous, General Chairman; Miss Eunice Chandler, Pres. First Church Guild; Mrs. E. T. Cowell, Conference Chairman Christian Social Relations; Mrs. B. W. Causey, District Chairman Social Relations.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Ruth B. Cowell, Conference Chairman

This has been a good year throughout the Conference. Enthusiasm has been high and new members and Guilds have been acquired. To your Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations, there are at least two satisfying results of the work. It is very evident that you folks read the Guild Times. I have had several requests for the film strip, "This Is Christian Social Relations". Much fine comment has accompanied its return. It is still available by writing me. Several requests came also, in answer to an article in the Times, for the skit in connection with "Understanding Other Cultures." From these requests I am convinced there is much interest in Christian Social Relations in our Guilds.

We still have a little time left in this year. Enough to take another study, if we are determined. So, if you haven't already done so, why not study "Understanding Other Cultures"? We who have studied it have found it most interesting, informative and comprehensive. The supplementary books are most of them most interesting and the other outside work is fascinating.

Next year I hope, with the help of all the Guilds, to accomplish a few things we have not done before:

First, I want to be invited to all district meetings so that there may be more personal contact between the conference, district and local personnel than before.

Second, I mean to send more informative literature or suggestions from this office.

Third, I would like to have all the Guilds take our Christian Social Relations study on the United Nations. I would like to suggest you start a United Nations Scrap Book for use with your study. Several of the Guilds took this as a project as an outcome of our study on Understanding Other Cultures.

Fourth, we hope to have some method of reporting our activities, through our district chairmen, to our conference chairman so that we may get a complete picture of the work in Christian Social Relations.

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Ruby G. Phillips, Conference Chairman

During the two months remaining in the 1958-1959 Conference year, there is much to be done before making the final report in May.

### REPORTING:

1. Check carefully to see that ALL studies completed this year have been reported properly.
2. Remember to send applications for Jurisdiction Recognition credit to: Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Route 2, Box 257A, Crowley, Louisiana.
3. For those studies meeting only Efficiency requirements (See handbook), send application to me (Mrs. F. G. Phillips, P. O. Box 398, Plain Dealing, La.).
4. After receiving credit cards, be sure that the local secretary of Promotion includes the study in her report to the district secretary. This procedure should prevent errors similar to those noted in the past.

Contributions resulting from study:

### CONTRIBUTIONS RESULTING FROM STUDY:

Since the Division Committee on Finance, through careful study of the special needs of the mission fields of work of the Woman's Division, knows where the money is needed most, and

Since all money must be in the hands of the Division before assignments can be made, the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild recommends that the money contributions resulting from study be sent through the regular channels and listed on the report of the treasurer under APPROPRIATIONS rather than as designated gifts.

### SUMMARY OF STUDIES FOR THE FIRST TWO PERIODS OF THE 1958-1959 CONFERENCE YEAR:

No. of JR Studies by District: Alexandria 8, Baton Rouge 5, Lafayette 4, Lake Charles 4, Monroe 2, New Orleans 2, Ruston 2, and Shreveport 6, making a total of 33 studies.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, June 19, 20, 21.
2. Conference Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer, July 17, 18, 19.
3. Conference School of Missions at Centuary College, Shreveport, August 17-21.

### THEMES FOR APPROVED STUDIES FOR THE CONFERENCE YEAR 1959-60:

1. Africa.
2. The Church's Mission in Town and Country.
3. The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs.
4. The Gospel of Luke.

We are indebted to Miss Joan Newby "Miss Information" for Louisiana Methodist, Little Rock, and Miss Dottie Varnado, Editor, of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, for the pictures taken at the Spring Meeting.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Bee Sandefur, (Mrs. Alvin), District Secretary

It's always a pleasure to tell of the Alexandria District, their meetings, activities and interests.

Met with the Pineville Guild (Louise Jones, President) in November. I've never seen so many worthwhile projects—getting boxes off to missionaries, containing decorations, cake mix, candies, etc., and Mabel Powell had already had an answer from one—a letter filled with thanks and interesting details concerning her work. The Guild has started a cup and saucer campaign—any odd pretty pattern from any church member caring to add one to the collection. These are for the "fancy" teas . . . tea poured from the beautiful silver service given the church by their co-ordinator, Mrs. A. R. Scheffer and Mr. Scheffer at Christmas time. At that meeting I had the pleasure of presenting Louise Jones with the Life Membership given her by her Guild.

I also attended the Doris Branton Guild Party during the holidays. It was a nice affair and a wonderful program led by Maree Pace, Spiritual Life Chairman. Mrs. Kathleen Hayden is President. These two Guilds—Pineville and Alexandria—have placed racks of literature in the hospitals, bus and train stations as an out-growth of a JR Study.

Bunkie had some Christmas festivities, also. A nice party. Mrs. Rowena Lee, President. The Guild placed the little book of Luke on the tray of each patient in both local clinics, with the Christmas noon meal.

I did want to keep the best news 'til last, but I just can't. We have a new Guild at Oak Grove, Effie. Mrs. Bertha Louise McNeal was elected President. It has long been the desire of Mrs. Loy Clark, W. S. C. S. President, to have a Guild there and she feels that her prayers have been answered. Much credit also goes to Trinity, for they came out to the meeting with hands filled with organization literature and membership cards. At this meeting at Oak Grove we had 7 Guild members from Pineville, 5 from Trinity, 3 from Bunkie, and one from Doris Branton—First Church. That's the kind of co-operation that inspires other Guilds, as well as the District Secretary. I returned to the Oak Grove Guild for their New Year's eve meeting. They report they want to start doing something!

Trinity Guild asked the two W. S. C. S. groups from Pineville and Doris Branton, as well as the Guilds, to meet together for the viewing of my films of my trip to Europe. (I have shown these films 14 times now!)

So many Guilds expressed happiness upon reading in Guild  
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## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

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Times that our District had completed 8 JR Studies since June. Several have written that they are starting another.

I have visited Winnfield recently and Joyce Rogers is making a wonderful president. Joyce attends all the District and Conference meetings, so that Guild is up-to-date on activities.

I visited Trinity, too, Mrs. Lou Kelly, President. She hosted the regular meeting and how I enjoyed it. Their prayers were for Rollo and her mother. Mrs. Rollo had serious surgery.

Guild Month was celebrated with church recognition, W. S. C. S. entertaining, suppers, and visitations. Bunkie had a supper welcoming new members. Colfax also reported Guild Month observance.

Maree Pace, District Spiritual Life Chairman, assigned each Guild their hour for the prayer vigil. Our district was happy to share in the prayer vigil on behalf of the Conference.

Mrs. Burna Dean Kennedy, Promotion Secretary for the Oakdale Guild, lost her father recently. May God send his comforting peace to her heart.

We have scheduled our DISTRICT SPRING MEETING for April 19. Fortunate to get Miss Alsip as speaker. It will be at First Church, Alexandria. This is election time, too, and it is my hope that each Guild will be represented. A short report of the year's activities will be given by each Guild.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Emma P. Mainous, (Mrs. C. G.), District Secretary

January, Guild month, was a very busy and interesting period in Baton Rouge District. It was observed in many ways by the units in the District and from the reports that I have, created much interest and resulted in new members for some of the units.

In this District, as in others, the average church member knows little or nothing about Guild. It is a name only to most and to some who know the name, its meaning is vague. From the following reports there are many in this District who have heard much about Wesleyan Service Guild.

The Istrouma Guild Unit, Mrs. Earl Turner President, set about to inform the members of Istrouma Church about Guild. At each of the Church services on a Sunday during January, Mrs. Turner made a short but very informative talk about Guild. On this Sunday the members of Guild attended Church in a group.

Mrs. Richardine Causey, president of Ingelside Guild reports that the Church bulletin of her church gave very interesting highlights of the Guild program during January. They also displayed the Guild emblem in the foyer of the church. They presented both Adult and Baby memberships.

First Church Guild, Miss Eunice Chandler, President, reports that they had their regular Fellowship Dinner with Status of Women emphasis. Mrs. Alice Tucker, Chairman, in charge of the program introduced the guest speaker Mrs. Sarah Michael, who gave a very refreshing and interesting talk about Women Yesterday and Today. Mrs. Gilbert Bandel gave a lovely and fitting meditation, entitled "Let Your Light So Shine".

Edith Robinson of Hammond Guild reports much activity during Guild month. The many things done by this Guild created much interest that Edith feels will add up to new members. We will all have to use Edith's method.

The Ponchatoula Unit, Miss Doris Howes, President, reported that their Guild members attended church in a group. On this Sunday they passed out mimeographed sheets on which there was an invitation to join Guild, a nice paragraph telling about Guild and another giving the meaning of the Guild Emblem, one about the Guild hymn with the words to Guild hymn completing the sheet. Their life membership was presented at the church service.

The other units in the District all had similar observances. Some added visiting shut-ins to their busy schedule and in every way possible kept Guild before the public.

The Guild Conference in Baton Rouge on March 7th, and 8th, was a wonderful experience for our District. All thirteen units worked as a team to carry out the many details. Now Conference is history that reads like this:

Total Registration, 260.

Attended Breakfast, 214.

Attended Dinner, 283.

Having shared this experience we are all set to turn our attention to the task of promoting Guild on a larger scale than ever before.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Maree White, District Secretary

I received reports from three of the Lafayette District Guilds on the manner in which they observed Guild Month. These may give helpful suggestions to others for future use.

The most unique presentation was given in New Iberia. At a church-wide Family Night supper, the WSCS had as their special guests the members of the Wesleyan Service Guild. The Frances McLean Circle; a group of young girls, presented to the Guild a "This Is Your Life" program. The clever skit was patterned on the television program with which we are all familiar.

After a greeting it began with the words, "Wesleyan Service Guild, this is your life!"

The founding of the group was explained, after which the voice of the first President was heard: "That is right; it was July 11, 1950." This was Mrs. Bessie Fairley, who had driven over from her present home in Opelousas to be a part of the program. She was presented with a corsage and spoke a few words.

Activities through the years were reviewed, and each past president in turn was given a corsage. Two who had moved away and were unable to be present were contacted in time to send back letters which were read as their years were described. A young girl who at one time had been presented a Youth Membership by the Guild, and who had served as Guild organist was also present.

In Lafayette the Wesleyan Service Guild was invited to present the regular monthly program at the WSCS meeting.

The Opelousas Guild observed its own fourteenth anniversary by having a Guild Month program on the evening of January 22 at the home of Miss Florence McKinnon.

A review of the history of the organization was presented by Miss Dorothy Dunbar. As she mentioned successive years' accomplishments, the presidents who had served were asked to reminisce briefly. The highlight of the program was the presentation of a Life Membership to Miss Evelyn Vatter, a former president. Another feature of the meeting was the institution of a membership campaign to extend over a period of three months.

The Opelousas Guild placed flowers in the sanctuary during the month of January. Most of these presented the Guild colors by the use of blue and yellow flowers. On January 18 the members sat together as a group during the eleven o'clock service; the pastor spoke briefly in recognition of their work in the church.

Miss Hermine Tate, District Chairman of Spiritual Life and a member of the Lafayette Guild, was a recipient of one of the nine Charles E. Dunbar career service awards for distinguished work in the field of civil service. Miss Tate is technical director of the blood bank in Lafayette, where she has served since the service was set up ten years ago. Her award was presented in New Orleans on Thursday, March 12, by former Governor Sam Jones.

On Thursday, February 26, twin boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Johnson of Alvin, Texas. Mrs. Johnson will be remembered as Alyce Louise Stevenson, former president of the New Iberia Guild.

The Lafayette District has made plans for their District Spring Meeting on April 19 at 2:00 P. M. at the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church in Opelousas, with Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation of the Woman's Society, as guest speaker.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Dorothy Bengtson, Secretary

It has been a wonderful experience to work with each of the Guilds in the District during the five months I have served as District Secretary. As Mrs. Winnifred Gregory said at our organizational meeting in Lake Charles, everyone seems willing to do all she can to fulfill her responsibilities to the local and district Guilds. There has been developed a new awareness as to the purpose of the Guild.

Even though the organizational meeting was not held until September 28, 1958, great steps have been made forward on both local and district levels.

Three new Guild units have been organized since the organizational meeting of the District. These were organized at Westlake, Maplewood, and a second unit (Vera See) at First Church in Lake Charles. Letters have been written to most of the presidents of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in churches where there is no Guild concerning the organization of a Guild in that church. It is our aim to have a well functioning Guild in every church where there are enough employed women to have a Guild.

Nine study courses were reported between October 1 and

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## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

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February 1. Worthwhile projects developed out of many of these. In November the District Standing Committee met in DeQuincy in order to plan a Coaching Conference. It was decided it would be best to hold the conference in several centrally located places. Coaching Conferences were held during the month of January in DeRidder, at First Church in Lake Charles, and in Lake Arthur. These were all very well attended.

Truly a great spirit is moving in the hearts and minds of the Guilders in the Lake Charles District.

The following news comes from Lake Arthur:

On January 25th a sub-district coaching conference of Welsh, Jennings, Gueydan, and Lake Arthur Guilds was held at the Lake Arthur Methodist Church at 2:00 P. M., Miss Dorothy Bengtson, District Secretary, presiding.

Mrs. Eva Bryan of the Welsh Guild gave the devotional. Others on the program included Miss Grace M. Lawson of Welsh and Mrs. E. A. Doland of Lake Arthur.

The session was one of the enjoyable comradeship as well as of inestimable value in clearing up questions and difficulties in filing reports.

From out of town were Mrs. Gladys B. Trombley and Miss Mildred Curtis of Gueydon; Mrs. Eva Bryan, Mrs. Dora Radeke, Miss Grace Lawson, Miss Leila DeWolf, Mrs. Louise West, and Mrs. Eva Stocking of Welsh; Miss Dorothy Bengtson and Mrs. Fred Carlsen of DeQuincy; and Mrs. Maurine Buch, Miss Doris Shell, Miss May Shafer, and Miss Edna Eichelberger of Jennings.

Local members attending were Mesdames Maurine Perkins, V. A. Miller, Norma Winegeart, Nona Doland, Lavora Clayton, Ruby Hymel, Polly Mack, Melba Mack Irma Doland Bernice Stewart and Misses Lucille Johnson and Doris Lockwood.

The major local project of the Lake Arthur Guild for 1958-1959 was the purchase of a large refrigerator-freezer combination for the Methodist parsonage.

At Christmas the Lake Arthur Guild adopted four shut-ins and showered them with lovely gifts.

The Lake Arthur Guild and the W. S. C. S. provides flowers for the local church on alternate years. This year has belonged to the Guild. Each Sunday attractive floral arrangements have been provided.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Fanny Thompson, (Mrs. J. B.), District Secretary

The annual Spring Meeting of the Monroe District will be held at Memorial Methodist in Monroe on April 26th. Our slogan is "Every Guild Represented". Every officer, and, if possible, every member, is urged to attend. To accentuate the fact, each Guild in the District is sending a mailer to every other Guild before meeting date. An Executive meeting was held in Rayville on March 15th to make extensive plans for a profitable day. Registration will begin at 9:30 at Wesley Foundation on College Avenue and the noon meal will be served at the Hollywood Restaurant. Registration fee is \$2.00. Guests from other District will be cordially welcomed.

The Louisiana Conference was an inspiration to the 11 members from Monroe District, representing 5 local units: Bastrop—2; Monroe: First Church—4, Elizabeth Langford—1, Southside—2 and Rayville—1.

The activities that fill the reports of the local units display an awareness of the purposes of the Wesleyan Service Guild which is "to provide a channel through which employed women can achieve spiritual enrichment and Christian fellowship and take an active part in developing a world Christian community". to-wit:

MONROE MEMORIAL Guild sponsors XYZ Club (Extra Years of Zest for those 65 or over). A luncheon is served monthly. Invited Miss Nancy Blake, missionary to Algeria, to speak to their church. Is making and selling sugar Easter Eggs to earn money for local church activities.

FIRST METHODIST (Monroe) Guild culminates a membership drive with a breakfast. Guests from out of town included Mrs. Minza Rabun, Mrs. W. D. Cotton and District Secretary. This Guild with the ELIZABETH LANGFORD Guild studied "Isaiah Speaks" for JR credit, with Dr. James T. Harris as teacher. Both Guilds promoting use of Methodist publications.

TALLULAH Guild: Special collection made as outgrowth of study "Understanding Other Cultures".

SOUTHSIDE (Monroe) Guild keeps a file of service activities from which they draw new members. They held Open House at the Parsonage one Sunday afternoon during Guild Month.

BASTROP Guild held film on "Great Religions of the World"

emphasizing spiritual life of members.

FIRST CHURCH WEST MONROE Guild assisted with birthday parties at L. T. I.

MER ROUGE Guild added to treasury by selling Christmas cards and church-picture note paper.

OAK GROVE Guild added 2 new members.

RAYVILLE Guild presented church-wide study in Alaska. Assisted in church visitation, prayer vigil and cottage prayer meetings prior to revival.

LAKE PROVIDENCE Guild visited and took gifts to shut-ins.

COLUMBIA Guild furnished funds for Singers' meals for a month.

Most of the Guilds reported observing Guild Month and Week of Prayer.

Don't forget—"All Guilds well represented on April 26th".

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

The Carrollton Guild had an especially interesting February meeting. It was the last meeting at which Dr. Vela Cleveland is able to be present before sailing for India. Guest speakers were Dr. and Mrs. Picard, who have been serving for several years at the very hospital to which Vela will go. They showed slides of the people and places at Kolar, and even wore Indian clothes. They presented Vela with a sari and dressed her in it. This was a timely program and all of us feel that India and Vela will not be quite as far away since we are now acquainted with the people and surroundings she will know. (Lillian Gaines, President, reporting).

"Rekindling the Gift" was the program subject for the monthly meeting of the Guild of St. Matthew's Methodist Church on January 20. In recognition of January as Guild month, the Woman's Society of Christian Service members were invited as special guests. Mrs. Milton (Louise) Baldrige, president, welcomed the guests and introduced the program chairman, Mrs. Ralph Brown, who introduced the speakers for the evening. Miss Mildred Evans, district secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, spoke on the meaning and purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild and explained the Guild emblem. Miss Margaret McGowan, Conference Secretary of Supply Work, gave a brief talk on supply work. Dr. James Mann, M. D., spoke on Confucianism and answered questions in the session that followed.

A prayer group is sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild and meets each Wednesday night at 7 p. m. at the church.

The Guild is compiling a church history from its beginning to the present time. (Louise Baldrige, President, reporting).

Guild month was observed in January by Second Methodist Guild with a buffet supper at which the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service were special guests.

Honorary Baby Membership certificates were presented by the Guild to Bret Alden Clesi, the first great grandchild of our co-ordinator, Mrs. Carmel Graci, and to Julie Kate Beauvais, first grandchild of our President, Mrs. Kathryn Wallace.

Azilda Evans was the delegate from Second Church Guild to the Conference, March 7 and 8, held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. (Mildred Evans, Reporter).

### DISTRICT NEWS

District Meeting and Coaching Conference was held on Sunday afternoon, November 30, at Gretna Methodist Church. Mrs. Hazel Gallaher, District President, of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was present and spoke on the organization and purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Guild. Louise Baldrige was elected the nominee for the Conference Nominating Committee.

World Day of Prayer, Friday, February 13, was observed by the District with a sacrificial supper and communion service at Second Methodist Church. The sacrificial supper was served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Second Methodist Church. The service was led by Willie Ray Jones, District Spiritual Life Chairman. Organist was Mrs. Pat Addison of Second Methodist Church. Holy Communion was served by the pastor of Second Methodist Church, Rev. S. Emmanuel.

Annual District Meeting is being planned for the latter part of April at Carrollton Methodist Church at which time it is hoped we will have as our guest speaker, Mrs. Allsup, a retired missionary.

A Workshop is being planned for the District by the officers of the district of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the latter part of May to be held at St. Luke's Church.

Three Guilds are studying Isaiah Speaks under the capable leadership of Mrs. Levy at Carrollton Methodist Church on Friday nights. The study began Monday, March 9, sponsored by Carrollton Guild, with the members of Second Methodist and St. Matthew's Guilds joining.



## RUSTON DISTRICT

Adele Nugent, (Mrs. Earl), District Secretary

Ruston District has shown deep spiritual growth and development. Much is being done in the local units through prayer groups, prayer partners, and distribution of spiritual material to the members, sick and shut-ins.

All Guilds observed Guild month in January, having interesting programs, with membership drives, recognition from pastor, placing flowers in the church, publicity in church bulletin and daily papers.

The interest in approved studies has increased. Several Guilds are entering their third study. Most units are studying for JR Credit.

Virginia Laskey Guild has 15 members and 2 prospective members. They observed Guild Month with a report on Guild activities and a review of background information about the WSG in connection with the regular January meeting. The 3 Ruston Guilds enjoyed a joint meeting in February at Trinity Church to hear Miss Nancy Blake, a missionary from Africa, speak. Trinity Guild served as host. The Virginia Laskey Guild participated in the church-wide study "Our North American Neighbors". Their particular responsibility was to prepare and exhibit each Sunday night magazine articles, pictures, clippings, crafts, art, etc., pertaining to the area being studied.

MINDEN Guild had 6 members to attend the annual Spring Meeting in Baton Rouge. They boast of 50 members with an average attendance of 40. 32 members attended the study on "Isaiah Speaks" JR Credit was received for this study.

ARCADIA Guild is enjoying a study of "The Middle East" being taught by their minister's wife, Mrs. Robert Peyton. The attendance has been good, with an average of 16 members at each of the 3 sessions. They have already received JR Credit for their study on "Isaiah Speaks". They have 22 members and observed Guild month with a membership drive. Mrs. Irene Deas and Mrs. Novis Galloway attended the conference in Baton Rouge.

GRACE GUILD (Ruston) had 3 members attend the conference in Baton Rouge. They received JR Credit on their study of "The Middle East" and "Isaiah Speaks". They participated in the church-wide study and will later study "Understanding Other Cultures".

JONESBORO Guild completed the study "Understanding Other Cultures" in November under the leadership of Mrs. J. C. Baker. When Louise Sneed, Publicity Chairman, last reported they were in the study of "Isaiah Speaks", with Mrs. Joe Key as teacher, and they were working for another JR Credit. She reported good attendance with an enrollment of 14 taking the study.

March 22 the 3 Ruston Guilds are to have a communion breakfast at Wesley Foundation on the Tech campus. Rev. Bill Stokes, Wesley director will bring the meditation and conduct the Communion Service.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

Shreveport District Wesleyan Service Guild concluded Guild Month, Friday, January 30, with a very successful Fellowship Dinner at Broadmoor Church. Mrs. James Lee was general chairman. One hundred members, pastor and wives, local, District and Conference Officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service attended.

The Theme, "The Gospel—A Testimony to All Nations". Miss Hazel F. Cooper, District Chairman presided at the meeting.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, presented the program for the Annual Spring Conference, March 3-8 in Baton Rouge. In the brief business session the Standing Committee was instructed to arrange for a District-wide meeting to be held Sunday, April 12th, in Shreveport. Miss Alice Alsop, of Fort Worth, who is a teacher in our Aikei Gakuen School in Tokyo will be the speaker. One or more Coaching Conferences will be planned for June, so that new officers may receive help as they begin their work.

The message of the evening was given by Mrs. Claude Cochran. Her subject was "Glimpses of Other Cultures". An interesting talk was followed by a showing of colored slides with comments by Mrs. Cochran, who has made two trips around the world quite recently.

Reverend Jolly Harper pronounced the benediction.

Studies—Ten Units have completed eleven studies for JR credit during the quarter. "Isaiah Speaks", Mangum, Unit II, Mansfield, Morningside, and Broadmoor. "Middle East", Logansport, Plain Dealing, Noel, Park Avenue, Summer Grove and Wynn.

"Understanding Other Cultures", Park Avenue. There were 129 participants in these studies.

Week of Prayer—Most Units had some form of observance. Noel and Logansport had Quiet breakfasts.

Memberships—Mangum, Unit I presented a Life Membership to Mrs. Carole Harris. Park Avenue presented a Baby membership to Patricia Douzat.

BENTON—The Guild Unit helped with the children's Mission Study program.

COUSHATTA—The only meeting reported for the quarter on Status of Women was reported by Couchatta. The Unit conducted a discussion program on the life of women in other countries. Special attention was given to the lives of our missionaries abroad.

MANGUM, UNIT I—As a result of their study on the United Nations, money was sent to UNESCO to buy school supplies.

BROADMOOR—Has the largest gain in new members within the District. Five new members were added to their roll. The total gain for the District is 18.

MANSFIELD—During the quarter special stress has been placed on Spiritual Life cultivation. Prayer materials have especially emphasized.

FIRST CHURCH—Shreveport—Unit I had an interesting evening with Mrs. W. F. Pledger recently. Mrs. Pledger, who for some years was a missionary to India and a teacher of the Lokaugh Method, spoke on Literacy, it's Outreach and Impact on Our World. It was brought to the attention of the group that there are illiterates in our own country whom we could teach.

The Unit has begun the study of Isaiah with Mrs. F. M. Freeman, Jr. as teacher.

## WHAT ABOUT GUILD TIMES?

Were it not for the fact that I feel a greater responsibility because of it all, I'd say that all of you have thrilled me with the wonderful things you are saying about your Conference news bulletin. When you say that "the last issue was the best" you are merely saying that you are appreciating it more, or you are "falling in love" with it. Becoming acquainted with the folks within its pages, and the exchange of ideas and Guild projects—all these things but make you appreciate something that you, yourselves are responsible for. I'm glad that I can serve you in this way.

I'd love to quote a few notes I have received: Virginia Laskey (you heard her at Conference) "Have just finished reading the last issue of Guild Times 'from kiver to kiver' . . . It is the most I get anywhere for \$1.00. I wish to renew my subscription for another year . . ." Adele Nugent: "I was sick in bed when the last issue of Guild Times arrived. I read and enjoyed every bit of it—Thanks for a wonderful issue . . ." The Rayville Guild: "We want to tell you how much we enjoyed the December issue of Guild Times"—Signed by 11 members

Elizabeth Stinson (formerly of Jonesboro) from the Woman's Division, Secretary of Missionary Education, New York: "Thank you so much for sending me Guild Times. It is very interesting to hear of all that goes on in the Louisiana Guilds . . ."

We do not have but 560 subscribers. We will begin our drive for the 1959-60 subscriptions with the next issue. May I ask each Guild to make plans for next year. With almost 2000 Guild members in Louisiana, we certainly should reach at least one-third of them. The subscriptions run from June to June, but the first issue in each year is the Fall issue. It takes several months to secure the subscriptions. May I tell you a secret. I do not want to beg for subscriptions next year. This is your news sheet. We could publish several hundred more for just a few dollars. Why not help to make Guild Times self-supporting. Thank you—every one—I think you are wonderful.

May God richly bless you as you grow in Christian love and fellowship, one with another.

Your Editor,  
Elizabeth Langford

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## CONFERENCE GUILD WEEKEND

### CAMP BREWER, ALEXANDRIA JULY 17, 18, 19, 1959

Theme: "TO KINDLE—A GROWING LIGHT"

Theme Hymn: "Jesus, Master, When Today" (470 Methodist Hymnal)

Friday, July 17

- 7:30 P. M. Guild Committee Meeting.
- 8:00 P. M. Fellowship: Singing and Films.
- 9:30 P. M. Worship.

Saturday, July 18, 1959

- 6:00 A. M. Rising Bell.
- 6:30 A. M. Coffee.
- 7:00 A. M. Morning Watch: Miss Dorothy Bengtson, Lake Charles.
- 7:30 A. M. Breakfast.
- 8:00 - 12:00 Registration.
- 8:45 A. M. Meeting of the Guild Standing Committee.
- 8:45 - 10:00 A. M. Workshop on Program Building: Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Crowley.
- 10:00 - 10:30 Free Time.
- 10:30 - 11:45 A. M. Hymn.  
Prayer.  
Panel: "A Better Understanding of the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild."  
Moderator: Miss Maree White. Panel Members: Miss Sue Batton, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Lee Tidwell.

Benediction:

- 12:15 P. M. Lunch.
- 1:00 P. M. Registration.
- 2:00 P. M. General Assembly. Miss Sue Patton, Conference Secretary, presiding.  
Hymn: "O Jesus, Master, When Today" (470)  
Meditation: Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop.  
Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements.  
Guild Hymn:
- 2:40 P. M. Presentation of Approved Studies:
  1. The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs: Mrs. E. T. Cowell, Pineville.
  2. The Church's Mission in Town and Country: Miss Sue Batton, Minden.

- 3:20 P. M. Hymn.  
Drama: "Into Life" New Orleans District.
- 4:00 - 6:00 P. M. Browsing Time—Swim Time.
- 6:00 P. M. Supper.
- 7:00 P. M. Vesper Service: Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlin, Independence, Missouri.
- 7:30 P. M. Song Festival: Mrs. Paul Anderson, Shreveport.

EVENING SESSION

- 8:30 P. M. Hymn.  
Scripture and Prayer.  
Panel: "Facing the Challenge of Our Task in Recruitment."  
Moderator: Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Panel Members: Miss Hazel Cooper, Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlin, and others.
- Hymn.
- Benediction.

Sunday, July 19, 1959

- 6:00 A. M. Rising Bell.
- 6:30 A. M. Coffee.

- 6:45 A. M. Holy Communion at Vesper Point: Rev. Jimmy Carraway, Bunkie.
- 7:30 A. M. Breakfast.
- 8:30 A. M. Presentation of Approval Studies:
  3. The Gospel of Luke: Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport.
  4. Africa: Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Plain Dealing.
- 9:15 A. M. Coffee Break.
- 9:30 A. M. Business Session Miss Sue Batton, presiding.
- 10:30 A. M. Free Time.
- 11:00 A. M. Worship. Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport, presiding.  
Message: Mrs. Julia Reid Paxton, Lake Charles.
- 12:15 P. M. Dinner. Adjournment.

### MISS MABEL RUTH NOWLIN

Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlin of Independence, Missouri, will be our guest missionary. She has served as a missionary in Malaya, North and West China under the Woman's Division of Christian Service. For a period of this service, she was supported by the Guild. So, she has a special tie to us.

Miss Nowlin comes to be one of us in fellowship and service. You will want to visit with her as individuals and as groups. Her keen sense of humor and fun with the rich experience of her service to others will make our Guild Weekend an enriching experience for all of us.

She will bring our Meditations on the theme on Friday and Saturday night. She will serve on the panel on recruitment. Through these emphases and to smaller groups, she will share her rich experiences with us.

### JULIA REID PAXTON TO SPEAK AT GUILD WEEKEND

Mrs. W. W. Paxton (Julia Reid), Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation for the Woman's Society of Christian Service, will bring the message at our 11:00 o'clock worship service on Sunday, July 19th. We know that each of you rejoice with us in this announcement. It will be a high moment for all of us.

Mrs. Paxton is a well known and beloved teacher of the Bible and an inspirational speaker. She has served our Methodist Church in many fields in the local church and under the Woman's Division of Christian Service. We will be looking forward to seeing and hearing her.

### PROGRAM BUILDING

What can we do to make our program more interesting and meaningful? Over and over, we hear this question. Mrs. P. D. Lambert will guide you in your search for answers to this question in the workshop on Program Building on Saturday, 8:45 - 10:00 A. M. Vice presidents and members of the Program Committee, make a special effort to attend this workshop. Get your program packet and take it with you to the workshop. All will profit through this sharing period and working together.

Mrs. Lambert is Conference Secretary of Missionary Education for the Women's Society of Christian Service and lives in Crowley. She has had training under our most able conference and jurisdiction leadership. One of the guest teachers at the School of Missions said to the staff: "Louisiana Conference has one of the most capable, efficient, and consecrated Secretaries of Missionary Education I have ever known." We appreciate Mrs. Paul Arrington's words; but we will appreciate them more after this workshop. COME! LEARN! GO! DO!

Mrs. Lambert, we are happy you can come. We will be looking forward to working with you.

# The SECRETARY'S Pen

In this brief statement, it is impossible to adequately cover the work of the past year—we have grown in each phase of the work. Our pledge to Missions over-paid. Increase in Guild Units, study courses and membership. We all know that this didn't just happen, and much of the growth was due to the untiring efforts, devotion and dedication to the work by our local, district and conference officers.

As we go into the new year's work, let us rededicate ourselves to:

1. Give more time and thought to the Recruitment Programs.
2. Increase our pledge to Missions.
3. Organize more Units and increase our membership.
4. Give more time to the program of the Guild, and a more thorough study of the Constitution and By-Laws.
5. More accurate reporting (I was disappointed, of course, that we did not reach our goal of 100% reporting for the last quarter.) It is impossible to give a true picture of our work, when a Promotion Secretary fails to send in her report.

Yes, Guild work in Louisiana is on the march, for our quota of 24 for Jurisdiction Guild Weekend was more than filled over a month ago. I will be right there to welcome each one of you.

Thanks to our Guild Editor, Elizabeth Langford, for the most attractive notices sent out by her for our Conference Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer, July 17, 18 and 19th. Get your registration in early for we do have a treat in store for you. Our own Mabel Ruth Nowlen returned Missionary of China and Malaya, will bless us with her presence, and Mrs. Julia Reid Paxton, whom we all love and admire, will bring our eleven o'clock message Sunday. Also mark on your Calendar August 17-21, School of Missions, Centenary College, Mrs. Wideman Watson our Dean.

Let me say again thank you for helping make this a wonderful year in Guild work, and for your support and co-operation in the coming year.

Blessings,  
Sue Batton,  
Louisiana Conference Guild Secretary

## MRS. PAUL ANDERSON, SONG LEADER

Did you ever say, "I wish I could sing; but I just can't"? If so, Guild Weekend will prove that you can sing—or make a joyful sound—under the leadership of Mrs. Anderson. Her singing is spontaneous and contagious. It will give you "the ole time religion". Joy abounds wherever Mrs. Anderson is. She will mean much to each of us and to our group. We are grateful she can come our way.

Mrs. Anderson is a member of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport. She serves as Director of the Choir at Caddo Heights Church in Shreveport. She serves as song leader for church groups throughout the city and district, as well as many civic groups. Clear up your throat and join Mrs. Anderson in worship through song.

## REV. JIMMY CARRAWAY TO BRING COMMUNION MEDITATION

The Communion Service on Sunday Morning has been a time of remembrance and dedication in the years past. This one will be no exception, as Rev. Jimmy Carraway leads us. Brother Carraway is pastor of David Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie. He is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and has served the Morningside Methodist Church in Shreveport. Rev. Carraway has recently returned from Costa Rico where he served on a preaching mission. We appreciate this extra service from a minister on this his busiest day.

## OTHERS

"Others, yes, others," will be with us to kindle a flame which we can keep aglow throughout the year.

Our Conference President, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, will be with us undergirding the total program with her interest, resourcefulness, and prayers. She will also serve on the panel "Understanding the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild", with the emphasis on relationship of Guild and Society.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell (Era), Secretary of Promotion for the South

Central Jurisdiction and a member of the Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild, will be with us as a resource person and on the panel with special emphasis on promotion and organization.

## YOUR APPROVED STUDIES FOR 1959-60

The four recommended studies for the new year will be presented by the four officers who attend the Jurisdiction School of Mission. They are: The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs (Christian Social Relations); Africa (foreign); The Church's Mission in Town and Country (Home) and The Gospel of Luke Spiritual Life or Bible Study. The basic literature and much of the supplementary material will be available at the Literature table. These will be presented to stimulate interest in study and guide in preparation for the study.

## WHO WILL GO FOR US?

Everywhere there is a cry: Send us workers! Who will go? The need is great. We will face this question personally and as a group through the panel on Recruitment. As those who have served or answered "Here am I, send me!" share with us their experiences and the opportunities of service under the Woman's Division, or Board of Missions, let us also be alert to the articles on reports on this area of responsibility. Ask your questions of the panel or to individuals. Share with us in this. It is urgent and commanding at this time.

## CAMP STAFF

In addition to the Conference officers, program committee, program personnel, and Mr. and Mrs. MacArthur, many minds and hands will be busy in trying to make this Guild Weekend a successful and meaningful one. Some of these are:

**DOROTHY DUNBAR:** Dorothy did such an excellent job as Camp Director last year that we requested a repeat performance. We are grateful that she has accepted.

**MRS. WIDEMAN WATSON** will be with us again with the "necessities" and the "spice" from our vast supply of literature and with her helpful and resourceful guidance. We, the Guild, are supplying Mrs. Watson with a most able assistance in the person of **GRACE LAWSON** past Conference Secretary and past Chairman of Missionary Education. Be ready to purchase your personal supplies as well as that for your Unit at Brewer.

Our dining hall fellowship and "Thanks" will be planned and directed by Mrs. B. E. Rodgers (Rachel) Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation for the Shreveport District.

Our camp nurse will be Miss Mildred Kee, R. N. of the Park Avenue Guild in Shreveport. If Dr. Mattie Boagni is able to be with us, she will be our camp physician.

Worship Settings will be made effective throughout the weekend by several members.

Our pianist will be as accomplished as our song leader. We have much to look forward to in this phase of our program.

Bunkie Guild is assuming the responsibility of registration and cabin assignment, with Mrs. Rowena Lee as Chairman.

We are depending on Ruth Cowell and Louise Roberts to prepare the elements for the Communion Service and are grateful to them for this service.

There will be many others who will be serving and making a definite contribution to the welfare of those in attendance and to the effectiveness of each phase of the weekend—for all of which we are deeply grateful.

Then, there is YOU. You—each Guild Member—will make a vital contribution in kindling the light and in keeping it aglow by your preparation before coming, your prayers, your presence, and your response to the planned program. Be sure to be there!

Send registration by July 8th to:

Mrs. W. C. Lee, P. O. Box 251, Bunkie, Louisiana.

Cabins will be assigned in the order registration forms are received.

Upon arrival pay \$6.00: Registration fee \$1.25, Insurance 25c, Meals \$3.50 (Sat. and Sun. Breakfast 50c each, Sat. Lunch and Supper 75c each, and Sunday Dinner \$1.00), and Ground fee 50c per night Supper will not be served Friday night. Bring picnic supper.

Bring sheets, pillow and case, light cover for single bed, towel, soap, bathing suit, and camera.

Camp Brewer telephone number is Pilgrim 8-3496, Glenmora, Louisiana.



## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Ruth B. Cowell, (Mrs. E. T.), Conference Chairman

"From Your Christian Social Relations Chairman.

So, summer comes and we begin a new Conference Year in our churches and Guilds.

Let us keep in mind our Christian Social Relations Study for the year. "The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs" is our Theme. "Contemporary Man and the United Nations" compiled by Dorothy McConnell and Margaret R. Bender (cost 75c) is our text book. The Guide is by Margaret Bender. It would be encouraging if you'd get the book and get it read, and collect all other U. N. information you could before the time you plan to take this study. Our eyes are on the U. N. and our interest must be along constructive and informative lines if it is to survive.

It may be a little late to mention the National Seminar on "The Family in a World of Rapid Social Change" to be held at Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C. July 21-31. But why not some of you go and get others to go to the Methodist Conference on Human Relations at SMU, Dallas, August 31-September 4th. There are several hundred places for local representation to fill. Why not consult your District Superintendent and urge action? Why not a car load from our conference? I'll send you details if you are interested.

Have you read your Christian Social Relations pages (18, 19 and 20) in the June Methodist Woman? Use the references suggested. Doesn't the T. C. monitoring idea sound interesting and vital! More on that after Sequoyah.

I'm looking forward to bringing you much of interest from Mt. Sequoyah so plan early to be at Camp Brewer, won't you?

Kind wishes for a fine summer and God's guidance always, are sent your way. See you at Brewer, July 17, 18 and 19th."

Ruth B. Cowell, C. S. R. Chairman

## CONFERENCE SUPPLY WORK

Margaret McGowan, Chairman

By the time you receive this issue of Guild Times the Supply Asksings will have been assigned to the Conferences at the Jurisdictional Meeting at Mt. Sequoyah. Since Louisiana is to have a good representation on the mountain we are sure that they will return fully informed as to our Home and Foreign assignments. You will be notified within a few weeks. The announcement will also be made at Camp Brewer.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Arline Tyler, Conference Chairman

Dear District and Local Chairmen:

Some of you are beginning, while others are continuing in this most wonderful privilege—yet tremendous responsibility—of guiding the members of your Unit or District into a closer communion with God, the Father; and into a deeper Christian fellowship with others. May this be an enriching experience for each of you, is my prayer.

That it may be a fruitful year, let us gather about us the tools of our work: the Holy Bible, Handbooks (Guild and Spiritual Life), Spiritual Life Packet, Prayer Calendar. Mark these ESSENTIAL. Study them carefully and use them wisely. To supplement these, you will be interested in "Worship Settings", "Prayer Groups", the Worship Booklet of the Program Material ("There's a Light Upon the Mountains"), and the many devotional and Bible Study materials available (a bibliography is included in the Spiritual Life Packet). The literature in this field is unlimited. Suggest only a few at a time—let it be absorbed. Presenting too much material at once can be confusing rather than helpful. Handle it with care!

DO YOU WANT IT? Last year I had compiled and mimeographed material on the goals and opportunities of service a Chairman of Spiritual Life will need to cultivate and enrich the spiritual life of the members; a gleaming of the workshop or clinic at Mt. Sequoyah; and a calendar of the emphases that apply to Guilders for the year. If you got one of these and found it helpful, would you want one for the year 1959-60? If so, please let me know by July 6th. I will be happy to do it and give it out at Camp Brewer Guild Weekend if it is helpful and useful; but it is too much work if not useful. Be frank. I want to do that only which is best and helpful. Thank you.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE is the Bible Study for this year. I am reading on it now in preparation for the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah. It will be a most enriching experience to study this

beautiful Gospel in detail. I hope some of you have an opportunity to take it in our Conference School of Missions and will study it in your local Unit.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN: Will you please send me the names and addresses of each local chairman in your district as soon as possible? We want to come to know each other better through prayer and exchange of ideas and materials. Let's make it a great experience and partnership with God through Jesus Christ. Begin now by having "A Quiet Time" or "Day Apart" for your local officers and chairmen.

It at any time I can be of service—help with suggestions or answer any questions, please call on me. I'll do my best to be helpful or direct you to help. Too, if you have found any material or ideas that have been especially helpful and meaningful please share that with me.

Let us be workers "approved unto God" through this area of service.

Sincerely yours,  
Arline Tyler, Chairman  
1546 Magnolia St.  
Shreveport, La.

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Ruby G. Phillips, (Mrs. F. G.) Conference Chairman

I shall use my allotted space in this issue to bring to you a picture of the study program for the year ending May 31, 1959. You are certainly to be commended for your good work. Special recognition is extended to Park Avenue Guild in Shreveport for having completed four Jurisdiction Recognition studies during the Conference year. The following is a statistical summary of the year's study program:

District	No. J. R. Studies	No. of Efficiency Studies	No. Women in Classes	No. Visitors	Total No. of Women Studying
Alexandria	14		169	22	191
Baton Rouge	8		96	14	110
Lafayette	7		68	29	97
Lake Charles	8		78	80	158
Monroe	6		84	25	109
New Orleans	7		77	73	150
Ruston	9	1	133	50	183
Shreveport	18		192	121	313
Total	77	1	897	414	1,311

Topics Studied	Number Units Studying
A Study of Isaiah	34
The Middle East	22
Understanding Other Cultures	9
Christian's Concern for North American Neighbors	8
Methodism in Alaska and Hawaii	3
Japan	1
Christ, the Church and Race	1
Total	78

Report of Individual units:

FOUR J. R. STUDIES: Park Avenue (Shreveport).

THREE J. R. STUDIES: Lake Charles First Church (Julia Reid Unit); Pineville First Church.

TWO J. R. STUDIES and One Efficiency Study: Grace Church (Ruston).

TWO J. R. STUDIES: Alexandria First Church; Trinity (Alexandria); David Haas (Bunkie); Nolley Memorial (Jena); Winnfield; Abbeville; Elizabeth Sullivan Church (Bogalusa); Centenary Church (Rayne); Louisiana Memorial (Opelousas); Monroe First Church (Unit One); Carrollton New Orleans; Metairie (New Orleans); Munholland (New Orleans); Arcadia; Jonesboro; Minden First Church; Grace Church (Ruston); Logansport; Mansfield; Plain Dealing; Noel Memorial (Shreveport) and Wynn Memorial (Shreveport).

ONE J. R. STUDY: Pollock; Ingleside (Baton Rouge); Baton Rouge First Church; Istrouma; North Baton Rouge; Winbourne (Baton Rouge); Ponchaloula; Lafayette First Church; Jennings; Leesville; DeRidder; Lake Arthur; Lake Charles First Church (Vera See Unit); Tallulah; Monroe Memorial Methodist Church; Monroe First Church (Elizabeth Langford Unit); Lake Providence; Rayne Memorial (New Orleans); Homer First Church; Broadmoor (Shreveport); Mangum Memorial, Unit One (Shreveport); Mangum Memorial, Unit Two (Shreveport); Shreveport First Church.





The officers of the newest Guild in Alexandria District—Oak Grove Church at Effie. In the upper right hand corner is Mrs. Bertha Louise McNeal, Centerpoint, President. Bee Sandefur, left hand, front row, is District Secretary.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Bee Sandefur, (Mrs. Alvin), District Secretary

The Alexandria District had a wonderful Spring Meeting at First Church, Alexandria, with the Doris Branton Guild serving as hosts to the occasion. They were responsible for the attractive identification cards used at the registration desk, and for the beautiful reception following registration. The Winnfield Guild made the beautiful programs and our new Guild at Oak Grove, Effie, furnished the music—and what sweet music we had! Miss Alice Alsup, retired missionary, was our guest speaker, and inspired us with her message.

Our new Guild at Oak Grove has big plans. They came to the District meeting 100% strong in attendance. We had representation from all 12 Guilds, with a total of 72 in attendance. After election, Mrs. Guy M. Hicks installed the officers. The only change in the District Committee was in Christian Social Relations and Mrs. Joyce Rogers of Winnfield was elected Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell everyone in the Conference about the wonderful way in which the Chairmen of the Alexandria District have traveled with me to visit or organize this past year. We have traveled 1280 miles together, always trying to think up new ways to unite our Guilds, to give spiritual guidance, to urge more money for missions and more work on JR Studies. I feel that we have accomplished this aim for the District shows more JR credits now than for any previous year and much Spiritual Life material has been channeled through our chairmen to the units during our visits.

And for my Quarterly reports and the annual report I was 100% to Sue before May 25th. That speaks well for 12 Treasurers and 12 Promotion Secretaries. We are also pushing Guild Times through out the District.

I attended a "This is Your Life" party for the pastor's wife at Pollock. Mabel Gray, Guild President, said we might treat our ministers' wives with more respect if we had these parties when they first come to the charge. Seems we had no idea of the wonderful things she learned of Mrs. Hockenhill's life.

The Bunkie Guild officers were installed at the morning church service on May 12th. It was my privilege and pleasure to present the out-going president, Rowena Lee, with a beautiful Guild pin. Rowena has served 2 years as President, and now steps down to even more work as Promotion Secretary for the Unit. I'm praying that our very next report to you will contain news of a Guild organized at Marksville. After Jurisdictional Weekend we are really going to work over there.

Alexandria District will see you at Camp Brewer.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Emma P. Mainous, (Mrs. C. G.), District Secretary

The regular meeting of Baton Rouge District Wesleyan Service Guilds was held in Ponchatoula on April 12th.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P. M. by Emma

Mainous the District Secretary. After the regular order of business the next meeting was set for September the 6th, with the Amite unit the host.

Attention was called to the dates of the Jurisdictional and Conference meetings with emphasis on the importance of having representation at these meetings.

It was decided that the District would have a Retreat again this year with the Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. Tennyae Mae Turner and her local officers in her line of work in charge. A Citizenship Brunch is to be planned by Mrs. Dean Causey and her local chairmen of her line of work. The District plans to charter a bus to conference in Shreveport in March and Mrs. Mary Lula Hutchinson, the District Chairman of Supply work, chairman with her line of work as her committee.

The District officers all brought interesting reports on their lines of work. They each told what Conference meant to them, the things they learned there. All had very interesting versions.

The District was quite pleased to have as their guests, Mrs. E. T. Cowell, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations and her husband, Dr. Clyde Adams and Miss Thelma Louise Jones and her Aunt Katie.

Following the meeting a lovely installation service was conducted by Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Conference Chairman of Supply Work, WSCS. The officers installed were: Mrs. Emma Mainous, District Secretary; Mrs. Maggie Wood, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Mary Lula Hutchinson, Chairman of Supply Work; Miss Sara Wadsworth, Chairman of Missionary Education; Mrs. Dean Causey, Chairman of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Tennyae Mae Turner, Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

A fellowship hour was enjoyed by the group after the meeting.

## WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD ORGANIZED AT JACKSON

Baton Rouge District is very happy and proud to announce the organization of a new Guild unit at Jackson, Louisiana.

On April the 15th, Four District officers, namely, Emma Mainous, District Secretary; Mrs. R. O. Coopender, District President of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. Tennyae Mae Turner, District Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation and Mrs. Dean Causey, District Chairman of Christian Social Relations traveled to Jackson for the meeting of the Jackson Guild. There were twelve members present and five visitors.

Mrs. F. A. Jenkins who had worked very closely with Emma on the organization of the unit introduced Emma and turned the meeting over to her. After a most inspirational meditation by Mrs. Turner, Emma Mainous presented Guild and the Guild program to the group in a most appealing way.

The officers were elected and the new Guild decided to have the installation of officers and the pledge service the following Monday night. The meeting was followed by a fellowship hour.

The installing officer was Mrs. R. O. Coopender with Mrs. Emma Mainous, District Secretary leading the pledge service.

The new unit has 18 members with a possible membership of 30. It will fill a need for the community of Jackson where there are many employed women and some young mothers who need a night meeting. We are looking forward to big things from Jackson unit.



The newly elected officers for the Jackson Guild are: (left to right) Mrs. Mildred Peters, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Beatrice Woodward, Vice President; Mrs. Virgie L. Jenkins, President; Mrs. Gladys Palmer, Promotion Secretary; Mrs. Evelyn Durr, Treasurer; and Mrs. Vilma Connell, Co-ordinator.



## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Maree White, District Secretary

The Spring Meeting of the Lafayette District was held in Opelousas at the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, April 19. Four of the five Guilds were represented, and there were thirty-six in attendance. The opening meditation was given by Miss Mamie Nolan of Lafayette. The inspirational message of the afternoon was given by Mrs. W. W. Paxton. Reports were heard from all local presidents and all district officers. A nominating committee was elected to report at the next spring meeting. Mrs. Bessie Fairly of the Opelousas Guild made three presentations: WSG Life Membership to Mrs. Lillian Soileau, president of the Opelousas unit, and to Mrs. Bessie Satterly, a member of the Opelousas unit; and a Youth Membership to Walter Lee Guidroz, a member of the Opelousas MYF. A social hour was enjoyed following the meeting.

Plans have been completed for a district-wide Spiritual Life experience to be held in Lafayette at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davidson on Saturday afternoon, June 13. Miss Arline Tyler, state chairman of Spiritual Life, will be the leader. Miss Hermine Tate of Lafayette, district chairman of Spiritual Life, has made all arrangements. We are looking forward to this Quiet Time Apart.

Annual reports show that the district has a gain of one member over last year. Each unit reported an excellent year as to activities. They report: good fellowship and interest, good officer participation, members active in the church program, several interesting study courses. The units gave very fine financial reports. In spite of our small total membership of 100, there were thirteen Special Memberships given: nine adult, one youth, and three baby memberships, which total \$255.00 given to Missions over the above the local pledges.

Sincerely yours,  
Maree White

### Late news item:

Members of the Wesleyan Service Guilds throughout the Lafayette District met for a "Quiet Time" Saturday afternoon, June 13, at the home of Mrs. J. J. Davidson in Lafayette.

This most impressive experience was led by our own State Spiritual Life Chairman, Arline Tyler of Shreveport. The theme of the meeting "And There God Is" was presented in a series of meditations followed by periods of silence and searching.

One of the directive meditations "In Quietness—There God Is" was emphasized by a period of quiet meditation out on the patio and in the gardens.

We feel that this spiritual experience will have a lasting influence.

(Miss) Hermine Tate  
Secretary, Spiritual Life  
Lafayette District

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Dorothy Bengtson, Secretary

On April 20th Lake Charles District Guilds held their District meeting at First Church, Lake Charles. The purpose of the meetings was to hear Miss Alice Alsup, a returned missionary to China and Japan. About eighty persons attended the meeting. At the meeting Mrs. Vivian Smith of Jennings was elected to fill the unexpired term of office as Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

Lake Charles District is trying something new in the line of publicity. Instead of sending out publicity to the local residents, the publicity news is being mailed to every member of every unit. We feel that this will create more enthusiasm and show greater progress within the District.

Guild Times Editor received the July issue of publicity from Mable Lee Ragan, of the Publicity Committee. The publication devoted itself to Camp Brewer news, and a calendar of activities for June, July and August. The enthusiasm of Lake Charles District is already evidenced by two new Guilds being organized as given in the following reports:

### NEW WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD AT WESTLAKE

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Westlake Methodist Church was organized on September 9, 1958, when Alice Adams, Ann Miller, Joan Hess, Shirley Umphfleet, Midge Iloff and Pat Craver met together and selected the third Tuesday of each month as a meeting night. At that time, it was urged that each member order "The Methodist Woman" and the "World Outlook" in order that she may become another informed Methodist woman. Financial plans for beginning our treasury were made by organizing Collin

Street Bakery fruit cake sales to begin on October 1. Prospects for the group were discussed and plans made for a Pledge Service at the next meeting.

Since this time, we have entered into the general activities of the women of our church—joining with the W. S. C. S. circles in providing flowers for the sanctuary, entering into a joint Christmas party with the W. S. C. S. with a banquet for our husbands, had a tea for the W. S. C. S. members and the other women of our church during Guild Month. April 11 was the date of the biggest project of the year when our Guild served the District Seminar of the M. Y. F. There were 66 young people present. We were assisted in this project by a few of the mothers of our young people.

We have used the program booklets for the basis of our program supplementing them with outside speakers and films at various meetings. During the year we have lost and gained members, but our present membership is only 8 members. Before the Guild was organized, we already had a night circle of the W. S. C. S. which took up most of the working women of our church, but we feel there is room for the Guild and with time, we will be able to increase our membership and scope of activities. We had two representatives in attendance at the State Meeting this year.

Our officers selected at our organization meeting were:

President, Lurlene Craver; Vice-President, Ann Miller; Recording Secretary, Shirley Umphfleet, Secretary of Promotion, Joan Hess; Treasurer, Alice Fanta; Spiritual Life, Terry Jean Myrick; Publicity, Joan Hess; Christian Social Relations, Alice Fanta; Literature and Publications, Alice Fanta; Supply, Midge Iloff; Membership, Ann Miller; Status of Women, Shirley Umphfleet, and Secretary of Missionary Education, Lurlene Craver.

The officers for the new year were elected in April and installed by Miss Vera See at our May meeting. They are as follows:

President, Lurlene Craver; Vice-President, Ann Miller; Recording Secretary, Shirley Griffin, Secretary of Promotion, Gail Carpenter; Treasurer, Joan Hess; Spiritual Life, Alice Fanta; Publicity, Shirley Griffin; Christian Social Relations, Mary Margaret Hunt; Literature and Publications, Joan Hess, and Membership, Gail Carpenter. Secretary of Missionary Education is Ann Miller. We have not filled the Secretary of Supply and Status of Women as yet. Our first plan for the new year is a Training Seminar on June 13 for our new officers.

Lurlene Craver, President

### NEW WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD AT MAPLEWOOD Named for Vela Cleveland

The Vela Cleveland Guild Unit of the Maplewood Methodist Church was organized on the evening of October 28, 1958, when a few of the employed women of the church met. Miss Vera See and Mrs. Winifred Gregory from the Julia Reid Unit of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles were present to explain the purposes and working of guilds. At this meeting a nominating committee was appointed and the following month officers were installed.

The unit meets the second Wednesday of each month in the various homes. Mrs. Maradee Lowrey is the president. The present membership is ten.

In March the president attended the state conference. In making her report of the meeting she told how Dr. Cleveland had recently completed her requirements for a M. D. degree in order that she may serve the people of India. During the business meeting, following the report we unanimously voted to be known as the "Vela Cleveland Unit".

The officers are: Maradee Lowrey, president; Mrs. Alice Bailey, vice-president; Merle Haggart, secretary; Mrs. Lillian Muret; secretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. Naomi Schumacher, Promotion secretary; Hazel Glasgow, treasurer. Other members include Helen Glasgow, Mrs. W. H. Hansom, Mrs. Effie Zerger, Mrs. Fred Johnson.

"DeRidder, La.,  
May 18, 1959

Guild Times  
Dear Editor:

We have had a good year at DeRidder. We were sorry to lose our President, Mrs. Lena Gibson in January due to the closing of Fort Polk. Lena was transferred to Florida and our love and best wishes go with her. Mrs. Gertrude Kilman, Vice-President, has finished out the year in a fine way.

We received Jurisdictional Recognition on our study of The Middle East.

We celebrated the tenth anniversary of our Guild at our April meeting. The minutes of the organizational meetings were

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## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

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read and the Guild presented Mrs. Maye Youngblood who organized the Guild and in whose honor it was named, with a Guild Pin and a white and gold Bread Plate.

We voted to sponsor a Girl Scout Group this coming year.

We sent \$50.00 to Dr. Bentley Sloane for improvements at Camp Brewer. We love the camp and pray that it will be maintained on the present site.

Good-bye for now and hope to see many Guilders at Guild Weekend.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Nannie Christian  
Promotion Secretary  
Maye Youngblood Guild"

## MONROE DISTRICT

Fanny Thompson, (Mrs. J. B.), District Secretary

The annual Spring Meeting of the Monroe District Guilds was the highlight of activities during the last quarter. An important goal, representation from each of the 13 Guilds of the district, was reached through the fine cooperation between the publicity committee and the local units.

An informative feature of the program was the panel discussion on "Guilds Want to Know". Mrs. Ruth Guthrie served as moderator, with the District Treasurer, Miss Ola Mae Pennington; Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. D. Cotton; Mrs. Agnes Miller, Missionary Education and Service; and Mrs. Irma Watson, Christian Social Relations serving on the Panel.

During the business session the District officers elected were: Recording Secretary, Mattie Lee Campbell, Oak Grove; Chairman of Spiritual Life, Miss Marianna Johnson, Monroe; Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, West Monroe; and W. S. C. S. Member at large, Mrs. Mae Goode, Monroe.

A Coaching Conference was planned to be held in the fall of the year in Rayville. Members pledged their support unanimously. The date of the meeting will be sent to the local Guilds by the District Secretary.

Mrs. Edith Ensminger, District President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service brought the inspirational message at the close of the conference. She spoke with urgency as she challenged the women to a greater understanding of Mission and Witness.

The inspirational and informative day was largely the result of careful planning by the Executive Committee and the hostess Guild of Memorial Methodist Church of Monroe. Guild members were urged to attend Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer, the School of Missions at Centenary, and the Coaching Conference in the fall at Rayville.

Although this issue of Guild Times pays recognition to the new Guilds that have been organized in the Conference during 1958-59, you have already publicized the organization of the two Guilds from the Monroe District: The Southside Methodist Church perfected the organization of their Guild last spring with Mrs. Myrtie Mae Foster as organizing president. Assistance in their organization was given by Guild Members of First Church, Monroe. This Guild is already carrying on an active program and has representation at every District and Conference meeting. Their monthly news bulletin—Guild-O-Gram—keeps the membership on their toes.

The other new Guild—The Elizabeth Langford Guild, of First Church, Monroe, has completed its organization and now boasts of a membership of 21 members. Mrs. Joe Halback was the organizing president. Their officers were also published in a former issue of Guild Times. Monroe District is indeed proud of these two new Guilds. We have several churches within the District that need Guild units organized and the Promotion Secretaries have been challenged to do something about this urgent need within the district. May I suggest that the Promotion Secretaries work toward having representatives from these churches at the Coaching Conference in the fall. At that time we can lift up many factors that will be helpful in organization.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

Carrollton Wesleyan Service Guild  
Grace Reidenauer, Reporter

At the recent election the following Guild officers were elected:

Miss Lillian Gaines, President; Mrs. Irene Burns, Vice-President;

Mrs. Helen McMahon, Secretary; Mrs. Katie Cook, Secretary of Promotion; Miss Helena Kuntz, Treasurer.

On April 24, Carrollton was the host church for a District Guild meeting. It was a supper meeting and 57 members attended. Miss Alice Alsup, a retired missionary, brought the message to the group.

Carrollton Guild honored two of its members, recently, with Life Memberships, Miss Ellie Janieson and Mrs. J. P. (Claudia) Sexton. Brief biographical sketches of the honorees were read before the presentations and it was a happy surprise for both recipients.

Seven members attended the District Workshop at St. Luke's Methodist Church on May 20. They report that the meeting was excellent and the exchange of ideas will add greatly to more effective Guild meetings.

Again this year Carrollton Wesleyan Service Guild over subscribed its annual budget and at a recent executive meeting they proposed an even larger pledge to missions than ever before. New officers were given their Guild Handbooks and received help concerning their duties.

Two of the members, Mrs. Katie Cook and Mrs. Philip (Grace) Reidenauer, have taken over as editors of the church bulletin. Guild members are active in all phases of the church program.

Several letters have been received from Dr. Vela Cleveland, former Carrollton Guild member, who is now a medical missionary on duty in India. It is most interesting to have first hand reports from that mission field. For the present Dr. Cleveland is mostly observing the customs and procedures and learning the language. She has not yet begun the heavy duty of full medical practice. Vela would love to hear from her many friends. Her address is:

Dr. Vela Cleveland  
Ellen Thorburn Cowan Memorial Hospital  
Kolar, Mysore State, India.

First Methodist Guild  
Elizabeth Beard, President

At the recent election the following Guild officers were elected:

Mrs. Elizabeth Beard, President; Mrs. Agnes M. Lawien, Vice-President; Miss Edith Sigborsen, Secretary; Mrs. Doris Nell Clement, Secretary of Promotion; Mrs. Bernice Sacco, Treasurer.

The officers and all chairmen were installed by the pastor.

Munholland Memorial Guild  
Dorothy Kimbell, President

We completed three study courses during the past year, receiving Jurisdictional Credit for two and an Efficiency Credit for the third in which we participated in a church wide study.

Our April meeting was enriched by slides of the Jessie Lee Children's Home in Alaska, shown by Mrs. Pierce, a former house-mother of the babies in the home.

Three Adult Life Memberships were given during the year.

Seven members attended the annual spring meeting in Eaton Rouge.

On June 8, the Wesleyan Service Guild and Woman's Society of Christian Service will have a joint meeting with Judge Anna Veters Levy a well known judge in New Orleans and author of the book "Other People's Children" as guest speaker.

Second Methodist Guild  
Mildred Evans, Reporter

Second Methodist Guild presented and delivered to Dulac Indian Center recently, a hitch trailer, material, for which, was donated to them through Mrs. A. J. Haas. Mr. Haas built and decorated the trailer.

As a special project for Easter, the Guild members boiled and dyed eggs for the children at Dulac Indian Center for an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 28.

Officers elected for the year 1959-1960 are:

Mrs. Kathryn Wallace, President; Mrs. Marie Freibert, Vice-President; Miss Mildred Evans, Secretary; Miss Ruth Tracy, Secretary of Promotion; Mrs. Naomi Duh, Treasurer.

They were installed by Rev. S. Emmanuel, preceeding their regular monthly business meeting, Wednesday, May 13. The ceremony prepared by Rev. Emmanuel was very beautifully conducted at the altar in the church sanctuary.

The Guild expects to receive JR Credit for the study "Isaiah Speaks". This will be our second credit for this year.

New Orleans District News  
Mildred Evans, District Secretary

The study "Isaiah Speaks" taught by Mrs. Levy and sponsored

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## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

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by Carrollton Guild was successfully completed by Carrollton and Second Methodist Guilds.

The annual meeting of the District was held at Carrollton Church on Friday evening, April 24, 1959. Supper was served preceding the meeting by the members of Carrollton Guild. Miss Emma Kuntz was responsible for preparing and serving a most delicious supper. Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, pastor, gave the blessing. Special guests for the supper were Miss Alice Alsop, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, District President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Rev. and Mrs. J. Henry Bowdon.

Preceding the business meeting, Miss Alice Alsop was introduced by Mildred Evans, and spoke to the group concerning the people and Christian work in China and Japan. She spoke informally and her talk was in response to questions asked by the group. She was most gracious, informative and interesting. Her talk will long be remembered as an appropriate beginning to a new year for the New Orleans Guilds.

The business session was presided over by the District Secretary and later turned over to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Hazel Lewis, to conduct election for two offices, that of District Secretary and Spiritual Life Chairman. Both, Mildred Evans, District Secretary and Willie Ray Jones, Spiritual Life Chairman were reelected to serve again for the next two years. Both hope they will be able to live up to the confidence placed in them.

A Promotion Workshop for the Guilds of the New Orleans District was held on Wednesday evening, May 20, at St. Luke's Methodist Church. The workshop was in charge of the District officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service—Mrs. Carl Gallaher, President; Mrs. J. E. Manis, Secretary of Promotion; and Mrs. R. S. Wade, Treasurer.

Mrs. Manis opened the meeting with an inspiring devotion having as its theme "pansies".

Mrs. Gallaher spoke to us and exhibited an out-line showing the qualifications of a good leader, and showed the books and material to be kept in officers' procedural files. She emphasized the importance of keeping good records to be passed on to successors in office, along with the procedural files.

Mrs. Wade spoke on the importance of pledges and making up a budget. She also stressed the importance of sending reports on time and told us where our money is used.

An impromptu skit consisting of three scenes was rendered. The first was typical of church members discussing the question of whether to attend a Guild meeting. Then there was the scene of the meeting and the later discussion, the next day, by the two disinterested guests who were now interested in the Guild business and planned to invite two of their friends to the next meeting. This scene ended with a clothes line display of a few of the excuses used for not joining the Guild and attending its meeting. The third scene was a typical old time party line telephone conversation of the lackadaisical manner in which some business meetings are conducted, and giving points on more business like conduct observing parliamentary rules.

Unfortunately due to an extremely rainy day, and some sections of the city being flooded, the attendance was not as good as it should have been, but those present thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and feel that its lessons will be a great help to them in their work during the year.

We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Gallaher, Mrs. Manis and Mrs. Wade for giving us such a wonderful session and for being such talented actresses.

Refreshments were served in the church parlors by St. Luke's Guild.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Adele Nugent (Mrs. Earl) District Secretary

The annual Spring Meeting for the Ruston District was held on April 12th at the Arcadia Methodist Church. Miss Judith Crymes gave an inspiring devotional. Reports of the work and accomplishments during the year were made by representatives of each Guild Unit and by Chairmen of Lines of Work. An informative question and answer period followed.

Many interesting experiences come to a group of women who are organized with the purposes of the Wesleyan Service Guild. A relationship exists that is inexpressible. The excellent leadership and cooperation that has existed in the district this year has borne great fruit.

Due to illness I have been unable to visit the Units this year.

My hope and prayer is to visit all Units during the coming year. It has been a wonderful experience to work with each of the Guilds in the Ruston District.

Adele Nugent

Mrs. Finley Sneed (Louise), Publicity Chairman of the Jonesboro Guild sent in the following:

"The Jonesboro Wesleyan Service Guild has completed the Bible study 'Isaiah Speaks' taught by Mrs. Joe Key. This was a very interesting and informative study with each member feeling a richer personal experience from the Book of Isaiah through Mrs. Key's interpretations. As an outgrowth of our study the Guild is placing a Guest Book Register in the foyer of the Church.

As a climax for our study we had a delightfully planned supper of ham and baked beans for the members and their husbands. After the meal, games were played and fun was had by everyone.

At our next regular meeting, we will begin our mission study on "The Middle East Pilgrimage" to be taught by Mrs. Harriet Hall, a member of our Guild."

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

The Annual Spring Meeting of Shreveport District was held April 12, at Park Avenue Church. The theme for the meeting was "Immortal Tidings in Mortal Hands". The "Tidings" were developed through the reports of the Chairmen of Lines of Work with a summing up of our efforts by the District Chairman. The speaker for the afternoon was Miss Alice Alsop of Fort Worth, Texas. Miss Alsop is one of our retired missionary teachers. She spent many years at Aikei Gakuen in Tokyo, and had some very interesting things to tell us about Japan from the teacher's point of view.

Following the meeting Park Avenue conducted a Fellowship Hour in the social rooms of the Church.

The Annual Report of the District Chairmen shows a need for work by the membership committees. We need to increase our membership and thus widen the fellowship of the Guild.

The Study year showed progress. Some interesting things came out of the Study groups. A total of twenty-five studies were completed with 277 members participating.

Park Avenue had top rating with four studies completed. Loganport, Mansfield, Plain Dealing, Mangum Units I and II, Noel Summer Grove and Wynn each completed two.

Mansfield has started an interesting project as the result of their study of Isaiah. The Unit is collecting materials and objects for worship centers. The collection will operate library fashion, being available to any organization in the church.

Noel had an interesting experience in the study area. They met one evening for a "pot luck dinner", following the dinner they discussed "Understanding Other Cultures". Members became so interested they decided to meet for two evenings on two successive weeks to finish the study. Why not follow suit on some of the studies for this year?

Broadmoor furnished the paint for the Student Center at Centenary as a Christian Social Relations project.

Mangum Unit II had a lovely service honoring one of its members. Miss Alma Levins has been an active member of the Unit for many years and last year was voted as outstanding Guild woman in the Mangum Church. Unit II has honored her by becoming The Alma Levins Unit.

First Church, Unit I, Shreveport has undertaken a project at Veteran's Hospital. The Unit is furnishing a portion of coffee needed to allow patients in the Mentally disturbed ward enjoy early morning coffee. The floor supervisor reports it is a great morale builder. The Unit hoped that other organizations might be encouraged to assist and make it a continuing program.

The District Coaching Conference was held at First Methodist Church Shreveport, June 1st. Fifty-three officers of the District attended. Discussion groups were set up in the areas of Reporting and Recording, Spiritual Life, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, and Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Programming. Each group had a chairman and resource persons from the District or Conference. They met for fifty minutes, discussing problems and officer duties. Each group appointed a recorder who made a report to the General Session which followed. The evening ended with a meditation conducted by the District Chairman of Spiritual Life, Mrs. B. E. Rodgers. Unit I of First Church was hostess to the social hour which followed, presided over by Mrs. R. A. Baumgardner, the new president.

At the beginning of another year we welcome the new officers and will continue to enjoy the association of those who have

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served the past year and are again giving of their time and talent to the ongoing of the Guild Program. It is the hope of the District Officers to be of greater service and help during this year.

Your editor must slip in a farewell word to Miss Elizabeth Thompson, until recently, Educational Director of Broadmoor in Shreveport, who has resigned her work in Louisiana to be with her mother in Atlanta, Georgia. You would have thrilled, as I did, if you could have received a copy of her "good-bye letter" written to her friends in Louisiana just before leaving. Elizabeth meant so very much to the Guilds throughout Louisiana. Her wonderfully dedicated life left seed sown in the lives of the hundreds who worked with her and she shall not be forgotten in our life-time by those of us who shared her friendship. We hope she will return from time to time. May God bless her as she has blessed the lives of those she served in Louisiana.

## GREETINGS FROM LUCILE COLONY

You will enjoy reading a letter just received from Lucile Colony from our New York office, whom you had the pleasure of hearing at the Spring meeting:

"June 1, 1959

Dear Elizabeth:

I appreciated so very much your courtesy and thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of Guild Times. It was pleasant to look at the snapshots and to renew recent acquaintances. Also I appreciated the reports that were given by the various officers.

Having been in your conference is a very helpful and pleasant memory. I do thank you all for giving me the privilege of being with you. If you come to New York I hope you will look me up. P. S. Vela wrote a happy letter upon her arrival in India. Nothing since. Her co-workers are more than delighted with her.

With best wishes and appreciation,

Sincerely yours,  
Lucile Colony"

## HERE AND THERE

Our District Secretary of the New Orleans District, Mildred Evans, was elected as one of three winners of the George Kostmayer Memorial Funds Award presented at graduation exercises of the New Orleans Chapter of the American Savings and Loan Institute, on Friday, May 29th, at the Monteleone Hotel. We commend Mildred for this high honor.

Miss Tennie V. Severtson, Educational Director at First Church, Monroe, and a member of the Guild, sustained a broken ankle in early April and, while recuperating from her injury, had to make a return trip to the hospital for surgery. She is now recovering from that experience and her many friends eagerly await her return to active duty. Tennie V. fills an important place in the program at First Church, and she is tops as a Guild member.

First Church, Monroe, Guild has had several other members in the hospital this quarter. Mrs. Ada Bender spent several weeks in the hospital from a heart condition and is still under the doctor's care. Mrs. J. O. McMullen is recuperating from a recent illness and Mrs. Cecelia Coulter had another bout with surgery but is on the improved list.

From Baton Rouge we learn that Lillian Kelly is back in the hospital and very ill. Remember her in your prayers. Mat Powell of First Church would appreciate hearing from you Guilders. Her address now is Sunshine Building, East Louisiana Hospital, Jackson, La.

Guild members of the Conference extend sincere sympathy to Emma Mainous, District Secretary of the Baton Rouge District, in the recent loss of her brother, Mr. G. L. Perry, who passed away in Centerville, Miss., on May 25th.

Have you checked the inside cover page of the May Methodist Woman for your 1959-60 Calendar of Activities? Have you purchased Hand Books for your new Chairmen? You might get them at Camp Brewer. Come prepared to buy supplies at the Literature table.

If your Guild compiles a year book, the editor of Guild Times will appreciate your sending her a copy.

## THE GOLDEN AGE

How do I know my youth is spent?  
Well, my get-up-and-go has got-up-and-went  
But, in spite of it all I am able to grin  
When I think just where my get-up has been.

Old Age is golden, so I've heard said,  
But sometime I wonder, when I get in bed—  
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,  
My eyes on the table 'till I wake up.  
'Ere sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself,  
"Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?"

But I'm happy to say as I close my door,  
My friends are the same people, even more.

Now when I was young my slippers were red,  
And I could kick my heels clear over my head—  
When I grew older my slippers were blue,  
But still I could dance the whole night thru.  
Now I am old and my slippers are black,  
I walk to the store and puff my way back.  
The reason I know my youth is all spent—  
My get-up-and-go has got-up-and-went.  
But really I don't mind when I think with a grin,  
Of all the grand places my get-up has been.

Since I've retired from life's competition  
I busy myself with complete repetition.  
I get up each morning and dust off my wits,  
Pick up the paper and read the "obits."  
If my name isn't there, I know I'm not dead,  
So I eat a good breakfast and go back to bed!  
Arthur Unknown

IT'S TIME TO SUBSCRIBE TO  
GUILD TIMES

This issue concludes the 1958-59 subscription to Guild Times. New subscriptions for 1959-60 are already coming in. Your editor is serving "an extra year" as Guild Times editor. Won't you help me make it the best one. It is not an easy task but it is an enjoyable one . . . that is, if each of you will make me know that we are accomplishing our purposes as set forth in the block below. Last year I over-shot the mark when I asked for 750 subscriptions. But NOW I AM asking for 750 for next year. This can be realized IF each subscriber RENEWS for another year. . . . IF each newly elected officer subscribes. . . . IF each Guild puts into the budget a subscription for the minister, the President of the W. S. C. S and a copy for the Guild File.

With this issue I am enclosing a blank for subscriptions. Mail your list in with your check as soon as possible, or hand it to me at Camp Brewer.

GOAL for 1959-60: SUBSCRIBERS IN EVERY GUILD . . . (This is a job for the District Secretaries.) A TOTAL of 750 paid subscriptions in the Conference.

Thank you for another year of wonderful cooperation and sharing. May God richly bless each of you as you continue to grow in His likeness and give of yourself to the bringing of His Kingdom upon the earth.

Your Editor,  
Elizabeth Langford

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## A LIGHT WAS KINDLED AT CAMP BREWER

The theme "To Kindle a Growing Light" was so beautifully developed at the 13th Annual Guild Weekend that the 150 Guilders and guests who attended went home knowing that truly a light was kindled in the heart of each one present. Words are so inadequate in telling the story of such an experience. Consequently, your editor is telling most of the story in pictures! If you happened to be within camera-sight when Dorothy Dunbar and Elizabeth Lowery were clicking their cameras you might appear in one of the snapshots shown here. At least you will be in the panorama shot by Sammy Kohara at 12 noon on Saturday.

Before any Guild Weekend can be successful a Program Committee must spend much time and thought in program building. This year Miss Arline Tyler, our Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life, released all her wonderful ability in this capacity as chairman of the Program Committee. Arline says that not one time did she hear "No" when she invited the various persons to participate. That, in itself, was indicative of the first sparks that kindled the Growing Light. Thank you, Arline!

The Growing Light was Kindled by the presence of our Conference Standing Committee, with every Chairman present, and

seven of the eight District Secretaries. Our Conference Secretary Miss Sue Batton, steered the business of the weekend in her efficient way, with Miss Marilyn Carter, Recording Secretary, always at her side.

The Growing Light was Kindled by having several members of our Standing Committee from the Woman's Society of Christian Service present and participating on our program: Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Shreveport, Conference President; Mrs. J. H. McSween, Alexandria, Treasurer; Mrs. Wideman Watson, Homer, Secretary of Literature and Publications; and Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Shreveport, Jurisdictional Secretary of Promotion. Also Kindling the Light from the Woman's Society were Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Crowley, Secretary of Missionary Education and Mrs. James T. Harris, Conference Chairman on Christian Vocations.

What better way can a light be kindled than by the dedicated life of a retired missionary? Miss Mable Ruth Nowlin of Independence, Missouri, cannot be adequately presented on the printed page. After 40 years in China and Malaya her light of service

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(1) Mrs. Paul Anderson, Song Leader

(2) Miss Mable Ruth Nowlin, Guest Missionary

(3) Miss Dorothy Dubar, Camp Director

Below: Group picture of 13th Guild Weekend



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Our Thirteenth Annual Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer is NOW history. We enjoyed the fun and fellowship, and the warm friendly atmosphere. Mable Ruth Nowlin gave us a great challenge in our Recruitment Program, and her presence was a joy and inspiration to the entire Weekend. I am not going to cover the meeting in detail, but leave this to our very efficient editor, Elizabeth Langford. But must say again, thanks for every thing.

You have responded again to the challenge of continued "Membership Emphasis". A new Guild organized at Gordon Methodist Church, Monroe, also a new Guild at Grace Church in Ruston, this Guild has a membership of ten young employed women. They were represented at Guild Weekend. This is also a challenge to the other districts. Statistics show that we have more employed women today than ever before, and we are gaining new members, but Guilders, the surface has scarcely been scratched. Are you concerned? If so, are you willing to witness not only in the soft inviting places, but willing to go where they are, across the railroad tracks, down on the river front. We need to reach all, not just a chosen few. Christ did, and to do this we have to make a deeper commitment; we have to KINDLE THE TORCH AND CARRY IT HIGH.

I am sure you will understand if I make this letter a little short, for I am very busy getting ready for the School of Missions at Centenary College, starting Monday the 17th, preparing for a Guild Clinic two hours each day. Also planning the Coaching Conference for the Weekend of September 19th and 20th.

Reporting time is just around the corner, and to you district secretaries, how about sending out a little warm reminder, for we want to do a better job of reporting, more accuracy, and reach for 100% in your district. You can, how about it?

Have you made a study of our recommendations? If you haven't, take a little time off and make a study of them.

Let me urge you to increase your pledge to Missions. Give more Membership Certificates to deserving people, and after you have met your pledge and have extra money, as many of you do, give it to Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, N. C., a home for retired missionaries and deaconesses. In accordance with a special action of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, additional gifts may be given as supplementary, directed to the Brooks-Howell Home for retired workers—also the Crusade Scholarship Fund is a good way to spend your extra money.

We need more subscriptions to Guild Times, and I am urging you Presidents and District Secretaries to get in there and help our Editor. It's your duty and mine to get Guild Times in the hands of all officers and maybe all Guild members.

We will soon be entering into a new Quadrennium, and no doubt will have some changes. Our Quadrennial Theme has been very challenging: The Spirit of Christ for All of Life. We are called to personally commit our lives to the spirit and principles of Christ for the whole world.

May we live in an attitude of humble gratitude to God for calling us to His high service. May we strive to carry on our daily work, while dreaming dreams of a more effective Christian witness by committing ourselves to the spirit of Christ for every area of our lives.

Love and blessings,

Sue Batton

Louisiana Conference Guild Secretary

## A LIGHT WAS KINDLED AT CAMP BREWER

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and love was radiated so fully that each of us came away with a spark for our own growing lights.

Our lights were Kindled by Reverend Jimmy Carraway, Bunkie, in the Sunday morning Communion Service at Vesper Point with the theme "My Heart an Altar and Thy Love the Flame". In every session our voices were lifted in song and praise with Mrs. Paul Anderson, song leader, and Miss Ruth Bonner at the piano. The high moment of the weekend arrived when Julia Reid Paxton spoke Sunday morning on "To Kindle the Light".

Our Lights were Kindled by the excellent presentation of the JR Studies for 1959-60. Because they were so well presented we feel that the number of JR Studies throughout the Conference will show a marked increase this coming year. Our Lights were



CONFERENCE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
IN DINING HALL

Kindled as we witnessed the missionary drama "Unto Life", presented by the New Orleans District.

And so, we KINDLED A GROWING LIGHT! I like that word "growing". Just how much that light kindled at Camp Brewer will grow, depends upon the devotion and enthusiasm of each Guild delegate. If we continue to kindle that light we will increase in membership, in organizing new Guilds, in developing the purposes of the Guild, and each of us will increase in Christian stature as we let our light shine. Our Conference has a group of dedicated Christian women making up our Standing Committee—under their leadership the Light we Kindle can be carried to every church where employed women can be found and we can show a great increase in organization throughout every district. What a challenge to KINDLE YOUR LIGHT!

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Arline Tyler, Conference Chairman

**THANKS:** We are deeply grateful to all who helped in the variety of responsibilities in the area of Spiritual Life for the Guild Weekend and to all for the wonderful spirit which prevailed.

**PRESIDENTS:** Be sure to give your Chairman of Spiritual Life an opportunity to lift up the emphasis for that month and present plan for use of the PRAYER CALENDAR.

**PROMOTION SECRETARY:** Be sure your Chairman of Spiritual Life keeps a record of goals, emphasis, and activities month by month and that a full report is given to you at each report period.

**DISTRICT AND LOCAL CHAIRMEN:** Read the following carefully and be sure to include these in your plans:

**SEPTEMBER:** Week of Prayer: A packet of the material has been mailed to each local chairman—Thanks to Mrs. Matson, Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications. Order extra copies, if needed, immediately.

**FELLOWSHIP OF INTERCESSION** should be presented this month. For information see the July-August Methodist Woman. Cards available from Literature Headquarters, 25 copies for 10c.

**COMMITTEE MEETING:** If you have not met as a committee be sure to do this and make plans for the year and share responsibilities—this is not a one person task.

**OCTOBER:** Continue Publicity and plans for Week of Prayer. Be sure it is observed in every Unit.

**DREAMS:** One of the many outstanding contributions to the School of Missions was the twelve worship settings, on the themes of the monthly programs, prepared by Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Pitt. I hope to have a copy of these plans for each local chairman following our coaching conference on September 19th. We are indebted to Betty Jo Chaffin, a member of Noel Memorial Guild, for making slides of these settings. We hope to make these available for showing in Local Units. Are you interested?

Be sure to include in your prayer list these: Vela Cleveland, Harriet Russell and Margaret Graham.





REGISTRATION FOR GUILD WEEKEND

TO  
KINDLE -



A GROWING LIGHT



AT THE LITERATURE TABLE



PANEL: "A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE  
WORK OF THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD"



DRAMA: "INTO LIFE"  
BY NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT



COMMUNION SERVICE AT VESPER POINT  
ON SUNDAY MORNING

"There's a light upon the mountain  
And the day is at the spring,  
When our eyes shall see the beauty  
And the glory of the King:  
Weary was our heart with waiting  
And the night-watch seemed so long,  
But His triumph day is breaking  
And we hail it with a song."

Methodist Hymnal—123



## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Ruby G. Phillips, (Mrs. F. G.), Conference Chairman

As we approach the end of the first period of the new Conference year, may we pause to evaluate our progress in missionary education so that we may set our goal for greater service.

Thus far, more than twice as many approved studies have been reported as were reported for the same period last year. Let's continue that increase throughout the year.

Many Guild women have taken advantage of the educational opportunities offered during the summer months. The full quota was in attendance at Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, June 19-21, and as many as could be accommodated were in attendance at the Conference Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer, July 17-19. At least thirty Guild women attended the School of Missions at Centenary College, August 17-21. The following were known to have attended, all or part of the time. If your name is not listed, it is because you failed to indicate on your registration card that you were representing Wesleyan Service Guild.

Baton Rouge District: Mrs. Edna J. Andrews, Zachary; Mrs. Perry E. Lucas, Baton Rouge; Miss Lucille Napier, Kentwood; Mrs. H. M. Wagner, Baton Rouge; Miss Sara Wadsworth, Baton Rouge.

Lafayette District: Mrs. Louis Soileau, Opelousas; Miss Maree White, Opelousas; Miss Olive Hartwell, Rayne.

Lake Charles District: Mrs. W. E. Kilman, DeRidder; Miss Laura Lynch, Leesville.

Monroe District: Mrs. Daisy F. Bergeron, West Monroe; Mrs. W. D. Cotton, Rayville; Mrs. Harvey W. Nelson, Monroe; Miss Lucie Jane Harris, Bastrop; Mrs. Erle Read, Tallulah.

New Orleans District: Miss Mildred Evans, New Orleans.

Ruston District: Miss Mary Searles, Minden; Mrs. Orville Hammons, Minden; Miss Ruby M. Craton, Minden; Miss Sue Batton, Minden; Miss Beulah Ward, Minden.

Shreveport District: Mrs. Edd Christian, Jr., Summer Grove, Shreveport; Mrs. Hollie Hinkle, Broadmoor, Shreveport; Miss Mildred Kee, Park Avenue, Shreveport; Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Plain Dealing; Miss Virginia Rector, Park Avenue, Shreveport; Miss Arline Tyler, Noel, Shreveport; Miss Martha Nicholson, Noel, Shreveport; Miss Hazel Cooper, First Church, Shreveport.

Educational Seminars are being planned in each district by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. You are urged to attend the seminar in your district. If this is not possible, then you are urged to plan a Guild seminar. These training programs are set up to enable us to do greater service in the Wesleyan Service Guild.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Ruth B. Cowell, (Mrs. E. T.), Conference Chairman

Here we are again at the beginning of our "work year" . . . seems as if we sort of dally along all summer.

Trust you are checking our special emphases for this year in our "Activities 1959-60" leaflet.

You will find our new C. S. R. study, "Contemporary Man and the United Nations" by Margaret Bender, most interesting and stimulating. It is primarily to interest us in what the U. N. can do and help us to differentiate right from propaganda. I would emphasize that the Guide is almost as valuable as the text itself and suggest that there is at least one Guide for every two people throughout the classes.

I have procured Mrs. Bender's record, "The United Nations Was Here", which is very good . . . and the film strip "We The Peoples of the United Nations", which will be available for use throughout the Conference for postage and a very small remuneration. If you'd like to use either or both of them, they will be available by writing me, P. O. Box 805, Pineville, La., after September 17th.

My wish for you is a most interesting and profitable year, with God's guidance.

## CONFERENCE SUPPLY WORK

Margaret McGowan, Chairman

OUR SUPPLY ASKINGS FOR 1959-60

We now have two home Askings:

1. SAGER BROWN HOME at Baldwin, Louisiana.

2. EPWORTH VILLAGE (formerly called Mothers' Jewels Home) at York, Nebraska.

Our Foreign Supply Asking is:

1. India: The Bengal Conferences. Undesignated.

Let us remember we are now in the second quarter in our Supply Work and they are relying on us to fulfill the amount assigned to us. Each Guild is given the assigned amount for your Guild by your District Supply Chairman. Let us give with a cheerful heart.

## A LETTER FROM VELA CLEVELAND



DR. VELA CLEVELAND

Our own Dr. Vela Cleveland is at last in Kolar, India as Medical Missionary to our Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital and School of Nursing. We were delighted with a lengthy news travelogue written to us while at Camp Brewer. For the benefit of you who were not at camp, your editor is giving you a few excerpts from this most interesting letter:

"P. O. Box 12, Tumkur, Mysore State, India

July 8, 1959

"Four months ago today I was with many of you at the Conference in Baton Rouge when you gave me such a wonderful gift and pledge of your confidence. So very much has happened in these four months I will have to write a travelogue to tell you about them. When I left you I drove to Nashville and then flew to New York. There were many last minute details to tend to and tickets to pick up in order to be ready for sailing on Wednesday, March 11th. A number of my friends in New York gave me a dinner party on Tuesday night and then were on hand to wave me off as the Queen Elizabeth sailed out of harbor—two of them you know: Alpharetta Leeper, who was our Conference speaker 3 years ago, and Mattye Boagni from Opelousas.

" . . . I was a typical tourist in London, complete with dark glasses, walking shoes, camera bag and camera. (Since the New Orleans District Guilds presented me with my camera last year at the Weekend, I'll have to say right here that I have certainly had a lot of pleasure with my camera.)

"In route, our voyage was really most enjoyable, with a full range of weather. It was terrifically cold crossing the Atlantic and with such strong winds one could hardly stand against them. (There follows an interesting narration of Vela's voyage to Bombay.)

" . . . We reached Bombay on April 13. I picked out a little lady on dock as we were pulling into place, which I thought might be Dr. Shoemaker from Kolar. I finally raised my hand in a wave and, sure enough, she responded quickly with a wave for me. As soon as the gang plank was swung into place, and since she had a permit, she was allowed to come aboard to meet me. My, such a lot of mail she brought me from Kolar which had been accumulating there during my trip. So many of you had remembered me on my birthday with cards and letters—it was like having another visit with all of you when I could sit down to really look them over. Thank you.

"Dr. Shoemaker and Miss Clara Kleiner, hostess at the WDCC quest home in Bombay were lifesavers in getting me thru customs. From the WDM, Mr. Heins and another missionary from the Inter-mission Business office were most helpful in securing the permits and licenses, which proved necessary, before we could really clear everything and start for Kolar. The Customs officers were most considerate and helped me get the answers straight on the long forms when I was sometimes at a loss for answers. They charged no duty for any of my own personal possessions. But, the duty charges were really quite large on the few sample medicines and the new medical equipment I had brought out for use in our hospital here in Kolar. When Margaret McGowan tells you that any money you have above and beyond the Askings for Supplies

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## A LETTER FROM VELA CLEVELAND

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should be sent in as "undesignated cash for supplies", here is one use for such funds—the duty for this medical equipment is paid for from that source.

"Train travel in India is most interesting and all of you should try it some day when you come for that visit to India. The train is made up of compartments, each complete in itself. There are no aisles down the middle of the train . . . there are no connections between compartments. The train conductor can check on whether you are there only when the train stops at stations. . . . We traveled first class and were in a 2-upper and 2-lower bunk compartment with a bathroom. . . . At many of our station stops between Bombay and Kolar, friends, both national and American missionaries, met us with garlands of flowers and with food to keep us going on our 2 night and 1 day trip.

"On April 19th we reached Kolar with loud horn blowing as we entered the gate of the compound. . . . Then gongs clanged and people scurried around. We were greeted with a song of welcome and more flower garlands. I am enclosing a snapshot taken in front of our bungalow, where I'm wearing one of the many garlands given me. It was quite a wonderful occasion. I won't say much at this time about our hospital, but I am enclosing a pamphlet.

"The weather was quite hot and by May 14 I was ready to strike out for cooler climes. In the South of India there are 2 mountain ranges, the Nilgiri's and the Polni Mountains, where there are several "hill stations" for our missionary vacations. Away to the south, in the Polni's, the WDCS has a bungalow at Kodaikanal. This is where Dr. Shoemaker and I spent 3 weeks. (There follows more interesting description of trips made around this area, using the Kolar High School car. Some of you in Lake Charles District met Miss Sundra Edwards who was principal of the high school which owned this car.)

" . . . After my return to Kolar I began to put more time in on the Kanarese alphabet than I did in the hospital, and, with a tutor for one hour each day for 2 weeks. By the time I came to Tumkur this week I had pretty well learned the alphabet, how to write it, and how to pronounce it. It has been a big help, too, to have that much behind me and to begin trying to learn enough vocabulary to do some conversation and grammar with my two teachers. Mr. Kikshit spends two hours a day with me for grammar, reading, dictations, etc., and Mrs. Alice Nilajagi spends one hour a day with vocabulary and conversation. The rest of the time I try to study, but I have to squeeze in a little time for letters and all the other little things which keep life moving smoothly. So, here I am now in the throes of language study. I live with a British Methodist Missionary who is with the Church of South India, in a bungalow located on the campus of the Union Kanarese Seminary (our Church has a part in supporting). It's a small school but the compound is quite large with small buildings quite far apart with wide open spaces of green lawn everywhere. All kinds of birds can be seen. . . . I've enjoyed every minute of India so far, even when I was sweltering in heat! And am still looking forward to the rest of my term here.

"This has been a travelogue, but another time I will tell you more about the people and our various projects here. I just wish each of you could come for a visit with me—the next best thing is a letter, you know. Remember the little verse:

"Away in distant lands they wondered how their simple word had power.

At home, the Christians, two or three, had met to pray an hour."

Blessings on thee, everyone,  
Vela"

BE SURE TO READ LILLIAN JOHNSON'S ARTICLE in the September METHODIST WOMAN. Is our evaluation of progress in the Louisiana Conference comparing favorably with her comments? This year of 1959-60 is the last year in this quadrennium . . . there is still time for us to develop the 7 objectives in our goal: "THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST FOR ALL OF LIFE".

Nelle (Mrs. L. B.) Kilpatrick writes: . . . "The Guild Weekend was a rewarding experience for me and I am truly grateful for the privilege of being a part of this part of our great organization. . . ."

Louisiana Guilders will be saddened to learn that Miss Lillian Kelly of First Church Guild, Baton Rouge, passed away June 25th after a lengthy illness.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Bee Sandefur, (Mrs. Alvin), District Secretary

All Guilds in the Alexandria District, with officers elected and seated and the first treasurers report in, seem to be ready for a good start on a new year.

COLFAX Guild has raised the amount of their pledge to Missions beautifully and altho I have received copies of only a few budgets, I can see where our money is "meant to be put".

The Alexandria District was well represented at Guild Weekend at Brewer and it did my heart good to see three "bathing beauties" from MONTGOMERY. We will have our Coaching Seminar in October in Winnfield and will try it this year on a Saturday afternoon instead of a Sunday. Date will be announced later.

It was truly a privilege for this District Secretary and the Baton Rouge District Secretary to make the trip together to Mt. Sequoyah as Conference Delegates. As usual our District was well represented.

Interest in the studies for this year is being noted, too,—with three Guilds, and maybe four, getting together for the U. N. study already.

BUNKIE Guild has charge of feeding the youth of the church at supper time during the revival this week.

I'm looking forward to working again (another term) with our fine Guild women. Only one change was made in chairmanship—Mrs. Joyce Rogers, from Winnfield, was elected as Chairman of Christian Social Relations. Marie Pace remains Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. Mabel Powell, Missionary Education Chairman and Mrs. Lucise Roberts, Supply Chairman. Call on any or all of us—we are eager to help on any problem that might arise. Let us share your Guild life with you.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Emma P. Mainous, (Mrs. C. G.), District Secretary

In Baton Rouge District, vacations have taken their toll by cutting down on attendance at meetings. However, interest has stayed high and there is much enthusiasm for the Guild program, both on the local level and District wide.

Nine units were represented at Camp Brewer in July for the Guild Weekend, with a total of 21 in attendance.

NORTH BATON ROUGE unit is half through with the Study of Luke. They have as their guests for the study, the ISTROUMA unit. Under the capable leadership of Mrs. June Ferrell, these units are enjoying a most interesting study.

Because of vacations, the organizational meeting in ZACHARY was not too well attended. It was decided that Mrs. Edna Andrews (many of you met her at Brewer) would serve as temporary chairman with Mrs. C. H. White (Minnie) as her co-chairman. We are hopeful that this will be soon.

Because the District covers a large area, it was decided to hold two coaching clinics this year. The first was held in HAMMOND on August 9th, with Hammond unit the host group. The Guilds attending this meeting were: Amite, Bogalusa, Franklinton, Hammond, Kentwood and Ponchatoula.

Mrs. Emma Mainous, District Secretary, conducted the meeting and used a panel to present the Guild program. Serving on the panel were: Miss Sara Wadsworth, District Chairman of Missionary Education; Mrs. Mary Lula Hutchinson, District Chairman of Supply Work; Mrs. John R. Wood, District Recording Secretary; Mrs. B. W. Causey, District Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Mrs. Earl E. Turner, District Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation. They all did a fine job of presenting their work.

There were 38 in attendance at the clinic. A fellowship hour was enjoyed following the meeting.

We were sorry Mrs. Coopender, the District President of W. S. C. S. could not be with us. We missed Mrs. Hyde, the District Treasurer, who is recuperating from major surgery.

On August 23rd, the second coaching clinic will be held at ISTROUMA church with the Istrouma unit as the host group. The eight units in this part of the District will attend this meeting.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Maree White, District Secretary

Those of us who were able to attend Guild Weekend had a wonderful time; we missed those who could not be there.

The summer months have witnessed a "slowing down" in  
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## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

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Guild activity. In spite of this, all five units sent in fine Treasurers' reports.

In ABBEVILLE there has been a lot of activity as reported by Mrs. Mary Spell: The Guild there bought and installed an electric water fountain for the recreation room of the church. They bought linens and clothing for a family whose trailer home was destroyed. They have a committee to greet women visitors at the church door on Sundays and invite them to the Wesleyan Service Guild or Woman's Society of Christian Service. In addition, they have had their regular programs through the summer.

Two of the LAFAYETTE members were at Guild Weekend. Their president, Miss Marjorie Holloway, reports a "summer slump" in their activities. Knowing that group, we feel sure that the fall quarter will find them as busy as ever.

OPELOUSAS Guild had planned their year's program, hoping to have several J. R. Studies in addition to their regular monthly programs. Their president, Mrs. Lillian Soileau, and Miss Maree White attended the School of Missions.

NEW IBERIA Guild will entertain the Fall meeting, which is planned to be a seminar.

Miss Olive Hartwell from RAYNE also attended the School of Missions. We look to them for reports of studies to follow.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Dorothy Smith (Mrs. George R.), Secretary

(Editor's note: May I preface your Lake Charles District news with a delayed announcement of the marriage of our District Secretary, the former Miss Dorothy Bengtson; At Guild Weekend most of those present were hearing, for the first time, that Dorothy was married during the month of June to Mr. George R. Smith of DeQuincy. Even so, Dorothy was at Guild Weekend, and contributed in a big way to the program by conducting Morning Watch at Vesper Point on Saturday morning. Dorothy, the Louisiana Guilders and Guild Times, wish you much happiness. We are glad to change the name under the "Lake Charles District" heading. Dorothy has also acquired a brother-in-law this month. Her sister Margery, was married August 15th, in Winnsboro to Mr. William C. Rhodes, Jr., of Shreveport. With such a busy summer, Dorothy says she is short on Lake Charles District news.)

On Tuesday, June 23, the W. S. C. S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild met for a fellowship tea honoring Mrs. H. A. Gibbs, wife of the newly assigned minister. The theme of the program was the purpose of the W. S. C. S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild and their relationship to each other. The speakers were Mrs. J. B. Mouton, District President of the W. S. C. S. and Mrs. George R. Smith, District Secretary of the W. S. C. S.

The coaching conference for the district will be held in the early fall. The exact time and place will be announced soon.

A new type of publicity is being tried in this district. Instead of the news being sent to the president and she in turn, passing it on to the members of the guild in her church, we are trying to send it to each individual member. Those who are working on the endeavor would like to hear from those receiving this news letter. If it is worthwhile we will continue to send the news letter out. If not it will be discontinued.

The address of the District Secretary is now:

Mrs. George R. Smith (Dorothy)  
Box 499, DeQuincy

## MONROE DISTRICT

Fanny Thompson, (Mrs. J. B.), District Secretary

Monroe District is happy to announce the organization of another Guild. Elizabeth Langford, Secretary of Promotion for Unit I, First Church, with the assistance of Sara Kennon and Ethel Maroney, past secretaries of promotion, met with an interested group at the parsonage of Gordon Avenue Methodist Church, and assisted in organizing a group of 13 women in a new Guild. The officers elected were: Mrs. Lennie Whitaker, President; Mrs. Lucille Durham, Vice President; Mrs. Ruth Stratford, Recording Secretary; Miss Bobbie Hearn, Treasurer and Chairman of Literature and Publications; Mrs. W. M. Allen, Co-ordinator; Mrs. Jack Cloyd, Spiritual Life; Mrs. Laura Phillips, Missionary Education and Supply Work; Mrs. Myrtle Hankins, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Della Hearn, Status of Women and Membership; and Mrs. Bendell Pogue, Local Church Activities. This Guild has made an enthusiastic beginning and has already added to their original

membership. My special thanks go to Elizabeth, who has organized two Guilds in Monroe during my office as District Secretary.

The Fall Coaching Conference for Monroe District will be held in Rayville on the first Sunday in October (October 4th). Information regarding the Conference will be mailed to each Guild president. Circle that date and let's again choose the motto "Every Guild represented".

The two Guilds of First Church, Monroe, have just completed another study and have applied for JR Credit on "Understanding Other Cultures". The following action is a report submitted by Miss Ena McDuff of First Church:

### MONROE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD SPEAKS OUT!

At a recent Wesleyan Service Guild program, entitled "Building Christian Character—Youth" Judge William Harper of the Monroe City Juvenile Court was guest speaker. Judge Harper told of his Youth Plan which has gained quite a bit of publicity because of its success in decreasing juvenile offenses in this city.

In discussing causes of increasing juvenile lawlessness on a national level, Judge Harper stated that the constant barrage of violence, crime, and sex with which we are besieged by way of television and motion pictures is a leading contributing factor. That concurs with the opinions of the country's top youth workers which includes some of our most noted psychiatrists.

Judge Harper expressed the wish that our Wesleyan Service Guild (Monroe First Methodist Church) would start a movement of the citizens and all church and civic organizations, commending the good programs of the television and motion picture industries and requesting that they eliminate, entirely, those portraying violence, cruelty, crime, and sex in the lascivious, licentious forms. This movement should become ever-widening, he said, until the entire nation is included.

Since Communist plans for world conquest begin with indoctrination of the children, and since the negative influence of TV and motion pictures is all too evident, is it not time to cast aside our good old American apathy and act on Judge Harper's suggestions?

As a follow-up, an all-out effort is being made to contact every church and civic group in the twin cities, requesting that they send resolutions from their organizations and personal letters from the individual members to TV and motion picture industries. Each group is asked to contact groups in other sections, inviting them to join the movement, thereby increasing its effectiveness.

### WILL YOU JOIN US?

Send your letters to:

National Broadcasting Co., Inc., RCA Building, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y.; Motion Picture Association of America, 1600 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.; Production Code Administration, 28 West 44th St., New York, 36, N. Y.; Columbia Broadcasting System, New York, N. Y. and other TV, and radio motion picture systems.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

CARROLLTON—Vi W. Jackson, Reporter

CARROLLTON Guild was well represented at Camp Brewer with six members and a visitor present. They also had fifteen or more attending the District Chicken Barbecue, which, in spite of the rain, was a big success.

At the regular meeting in August the Guild honored one of their honorary members, Mrs. Fred Brandt, who has reached her 81st birthday. They celebrated with a birthday cake in the shape of 81 and with punch and party trimmings.

Two new members were added to their roll this month.

Plans were made for a study on Africa in the fall.

GRETNA—Beverly Biehler, President

As a fund raising project for the year, the Wesleyan Service Guild of Gretna Methodist Church is planning a spaghetti supper for the night of October 3, in the recreation room of their church building.

The study of St. Luke is being planned for November in cooperation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

SECOND METHODIST—Mildred Evans, Reporter

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Second Methodist Church is planning for the study of the Role of the United Nations in World  
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## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

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Affairs during the month of October. This month was selected because of the anniversary of the United Nations organization being in October.

An Adult Life Membership was presented to Miss Ruth Tracy, their Secretary of Promotion. Many of you, I am sure, remember Miss Tracy from the days of the Epworth League. She has always been a tireless worker at Second Methodist Church and for many years was in charge of the Epworth League at Second Church. The token of appreciation in the form of the membership given to Miss Tracy is only a small honor that she so richly deserves for her untiring years of service at Second Church and with its organizations.

### NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT NEWS

New Orleans District was well represented at annual Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer. There were 22, representing 9 Guilds. The New Orleans District presented three scenes from the drama "Into Life" on Saturday afternoon. The response of those present to their effort in presenting this drama was very gratifying and deeply appreciated.

A chicken barbecue for the District was held on Saturday, afternoon, August 1, at the home of Mrs. Grace Reidenauer. There were 38 people at this affair, including three of the District officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. Hazel Gallaher, President; Mrs. Margaret Manis, Secretary of Promotion; and Mrs. Mary Wade, Treasurer. This was to be an out-door affair, but a torrential rain, which lasted far into the night, drove the group in-doors, where they had to resort to Grace's oven and an electric deep fryer and frying pan for the cooking. However, in spite of this, a good time of fun and fellowship was enjoyed.

We hope to be able to have a District Seminar sometime in September at which the studies for the year will be presented. This is to be presented for the District by Mrs. Margaret Manis, District Secretary of Promotion of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. We hope in this way that more of the Guilds will have studies during the year.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Adele Nugent, (Mrs. Earl), District Secretary

### A NEW GUILD ORGANIZED IN RUSTON

Ruston District is very happy and proud to announce the organization of a new Guild at GRACE CHURCH in Ruston. On May 20th three District officers, namely—Mrs. L. K. Wells, District W. S. C. S. President, Mrs. L. C. Aycock, District W. S. C. S. Promotion Secretary, and Miss Ann Carolyn Davis, District Spiritual Life Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild met in the home of Mrs. Jimmy Boyd. Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Aycock presented the Guild program to the group. Another meeting was held on June 9th in the home of Mrs. Earl Nugent, District Secretary and the organization was completed. The following officers were elected: President—Mrs. Jimmie Boyd; Vice President—Mrs. Walter Savage; Recording Secretary—Mrs. Ben Love; Secretary of Promotion—Mrs. Glen Powell and Treasurer—Mrs. C. E. Williams. The name of the new Guild is the ADELE NUGENT WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD. The new Guild has a membership of 10, with a possible membership of 22. It will fill a great need for these Christian young women employed in our community.

Plans are being made by the Guilds of the district for interesting programs and studies for the coming year. Ruston District will conduct a Coaching Conference soon, so we are busy making plans for that.

Ruston District had 11 members at Camp Brewer. What a wonderful weekend of information and inspiration! Thanks Sue, Arline, and all who worked so faithfully to make this a weekend we shall never forget.

We had five Guilders enrolled at the School of Missions this month. These wonderful places of training will prepare our leaders for better work in the district and local units.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

WYNN MEMORIAL: Wynn Memorial Guild of Shreveport has the most important item of news to share with other Louisiana Guilders this month. Marjory Graham of the Wynn Guild is entering Scarritt College this fall. She is preparing for Missionary work in the Latin American field. Some of you will remember Marjory who was with us at Camp Brewer last fall.

Marjory attended school at Southern Methodist University and

has a degree in nursing from Northwestern School of Nursing, graduating in 1958. Since graduation she has practiced her profession in both Confederate Memorial and Veteran's Hospital in Shreveport.

According to present plans, Marjory will leave the States for language school in Costa Rica in January. She expects to be on the field in April as an LA-3, her field public health nursing.

Her appointment is to Sweet Memorial Institute in Santiago, Chile. The Institute is in the slaughter house area of the city and operates as a nursery and day-care center for the children of working mothers. One hundred children under school age are cared for in the Institute. It will be Marjory's responsibility to watch over their health, help in clinics and assist in conducting classes in child care for the women of the community.

Marjory has promised to keep in touch through her mother. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Her decision to enter the work of the church has been one of long standing and she feels that she can best use her training in this way.

BROADMOOR: This Unit has already had a meeting on the organizational set-up of the Guild and its relation to the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Arline Tyler was the speaker.

This group had some funds left from allowance made for delegates to Camp Brewer. They used this to subscribe to the Guild Times. One copy for the pastor of the church, one for the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and one for the Guild Library.

Other Units take notice these are both fine ideas and should help the promotion of Guild work.

FIRST CHURCH—Shreveport: Unit 1 presented Life Membership to Mrs. Kathleen Riddle the outgoing president, and to Hazel Cooper at the July meeting.

Unit 1 is sorry to lose Kathleen Riddle as a member. She has moved to Zachary, Louisiana where she has built a new home and plans to retire there when that time arrives.

NOEL: The Unit has increased its pledge to Missions by \$100.00 this year. Take note girls, see if many of us cannot follow suit.

MANSFIELD: The Mansfield Unit has organized their program materials and plans for the year in a unique way. Very business-like too, Guilders. The plan originated with Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Missionary Education Secretary for the Conference, Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The program book was separated month by month. A file envelope for each month was made. These were distributed to the persons selected to present the study for the session. Also in the files was any additional materials the chairman had been able to find. During the interim before the studies are presented the Guilders will be collecting other materials which she finds in periodicals, papers, etc. This is a most interesting way to collect materials and be sure that the program is interesting and alive.

MT. SEQUOYAH: Arline Tyler and Ruby Phillips attended both the School of Missions and the Guild weekend at Mt. Sequoyah. Hazel Cooper and Margaret Purvis of First Church, Mildred Key and Virginia Rector of Park Avenue attended the weekend.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS: The District had seven representatives at the School of Missions.

CAMP CANEY WEEKEND: The dates are September 26 and 27. Please save these dates. We hope to have a good attendance, full participation and a grand time.

## OUR NEWEST GUILD MISSIONARY

MISS MARJORY GRAHAM

The news from Shreveport District, that Miss Marjory Graham of the Wynn Memorial Wesleyan Service Guild, has been accepted as a missionary nurse to our Latin American Mission Field is thrilling news, indeed. Marjory, our love and prayers will go with you. We will be happy to add your name to our prayer list. And Guild Times is eager to hear from you. Send us a news letter of your work as an LA-3 so that we may keep in touch with you.

GUILD TIMES would like to receive some of the inspirational materials found in developing the theme for 1959-60, so that we may pass some of it along to other Guilds. If you discover a poem or a quotation on our theme "There's a Light Upon the Mountains", other than that given in our Program Material or Methodist Woman, send it to your editor. We will channel the material to Louisiana Guilds. You might also have some original ideas for WORSHIP CENTERS. That, too, can be of great help to the Spiritual Life Chairman.

## MRS. GLENN LASKEY HONORED

The editors of the 19th Annual Report of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, which also included the 8th Annual Report of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Louisiana Conference, honored Mrs. Glenn Laskey of Ruston by dedicating this volume to her. The following is a true tribute to a grand lady, and a wonderful friend to the Guilds throughout this Conference.

"To Virginia Davis Laskey—Who through the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ has by deep humility, beautiful consecration, and wise churchmanship, served faithfully as a leader in Local, District, Conference, Jurisdiction and the Woman's Division of The Woman's Society of Christian Service, we lovingly dedicate this volume."

The Wesleyan Service Guild Standing Committee, district and local officers, in fact all who continually use the Annual Report as a guide and reference do deeply appreciate the effort put forth in editing this report. And we especially appreciate the honor bestowed upon Virginia Laskey. Her interest in Guild work is expressed by her presence on the Guild Committee of the Woman's Division from Louisiana.

Mrs. Robley Davis, Gilliam, La., Secretary of Missionary Service for the Woman's Society of Christian Service—Louisiana Conference—is another admirer of Guild Times. On August 24th she wrote "Congratulations upon Guild Times! And enclosed is \$1.00 for my subscription". She is the fine editor of "The Missionary Minute" for the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

In planning your gifts for Christmas, how about giving a subscription to Guild Times to a shut in, or former Guild member who might now be on your inactive membership list. This idea was prompted by Mrs. Allie Lindsay of the Leesville Guild who wrote: "In sending Guild Times to Mrs. C. M. Hughes, Riley Nursing Home, Winnsboro, tell her that the donor is Mrs. Allie Lindsay of Leesville."

**SECRETARIES OF PROMOTION:** Be sure to send in your report before the first of October to the local Secretary of Promotion (Woman's Society of Christian Service) and to your Guild District Secretary. One copy stays in your Secretary of Promotion Book. Your District Secretary does not want to make her report until she hears from EVERY Guild in her District.

Your Conference Standing Committee will be in session at Camp Brewer on September 19-20, in our Fall Coaching Conference. Will you Guilders keep this meeting time in your prayers? Many plans will be made for the Guild year and these plans will be handed down to you through your District Secretaries and Chairmen of Lines of Work. A Light Will Be Kindled and the Torch handed to you. Each Guild may have the opportunity of kindling the flame for Louisiana Guildom.

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## GUILD TIMES BEGINS ITS SEVENTH YEAR

This issue begins the seventh year for GUILD TIMES, and my third year as your editor. I want to thank each of you for your interest in your Conference News Bulletin. We are gradually gaining in subscriptions and it is our hope that every Guild in the Conference will be listed with the subscribers for 1959-60. As this issue goes to press we are still receiving renewals and new subscriptions. Each year about one third of the total is for new subscribers. I'm disappointed that some of those who are subscribing do not continue to renew each year. I am hoping that we reach the goal of 650 subscriptions before the next issue goes to press. If your address is not properly recorded, please let me know. If a subscriber fails to receive GUILD TIMES, I want to know that also. This is a big job, but I learned at Camp Brewer that I must take it "tick by tick" and, with your help we'll continue to grow, as we promote the purposes of the Wesleyan Service Guild throughout the Louisiana Conference. God bless you, every one.

Your editor,  
Elizabeth Langford

Since so many Guilds, as well as individual subscribers, wish to keep their Guild Times in a permanent file, your editor is planning to have a folder properly imprinted which will possibly sell for 50c. If you wish to send in orders from your Guild members, I will hold them until a sufficient number have been received to justify having the covers printed. The cover will be blue, with gold lettering on a white background.

## LAST MINUTE GUILD TIMES NEWS

Yes, I'm slipping in some last minute news. Little by little, and day by day, we are increasing subscriptions to Guild Times. For 1958-59 we finally secured 556 subscriptions. To date, this year, we have 552 and there are still more than 25 Guilds with no subscriptions in to date. We have received 100% subscriptions from the following Guilds: Hammond (Baton Rouge District; Haynesville (Ruston District); Maye Youngblood Guild, DeRidder (Lake Charles District); Southside, Monroe (Monroe District); Mer Rouge (Monroe District). Many Guilds have sent in subscriptions for their pastor, the Co-ordinator, President of the W. S. C. S., and a copy for their Guild files. The following is a breakdown by Districts:

District	Number Subscriptions	Number Guilds Subscribing	Number Not Subscribing
Alexandria	43	10	2
Baton Rouge	93	13	1
Lafayette	31	4	1
Lake Charles	110	11	4
Monroe	125	10	4
New Orleans	56	9	3
Ruston	41	7	3
Shreveport	53	10	7
	552	74	25

It is possible that some of the unidentified subscriptions received are from the Guilds listed in the last column. When your subscriptions are sent in, be sure to give the name of your Guild and Church, especially where there is more than one Guild in a city. Send your subscriptions in now, to 306 Bernhardt Building, Monroe, Louisiana.

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## Ninth Annual Meeting of Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds

To Convene in Shreveport  
on March 19-20

HOSTESS CHURCH—NOEL MEMORIAL



THEME: "CHRIST'S CHANGELESS PURPOSE FOR A CHANGING WORLD"

Program Chairman: Miss Margaret McGowan, Conference  
Chairman of Supplies, from New Orleans.

Shreveport District Secretary, Miss Hazel Cooper—Chair-  
man of Arrangements

Mrs. Eola Brewster—President of Noel Guild

Headquarters for the 9th Annual meeting will be at the Wash-  
ington-Youree Hotel.

Registration will begin at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning on  
the Mezzanine. The Conference Executive Committee will con-  
vene at 10:30 in Room 1, followed by the Luncheon at 12:00 in  
Room 2.

The first session of the Conference will open at Noel Mem-  
orial Church at 1:45 P.M. Dr. B. C. Taylor is the pastor-host. The  
music will be under the direction of Dr. A. C. "Cheesy" Voran,  
with Mr. R. N. Hallquist at the organ. Mrs. Rachel Rogers of Spring-  
hill will bring the opening devotional.

Your Conference Secretary, Miss Sue Batton will convene the  
business session, with Miss Marilyn Carter acting as Recording  
Secretary. The Conference Chairmen of Lines of Work will bring  
their reports Saturday afternoon, followed by the Pledge Service,  
conducted by Mrs. J. H. McSween, Conference Treasurer and  
participated in by Mrs. Kilpatrick, W.S.C.S. President and our Dis-  
trict Secretaries.

The Fellowship Tea will be in Fellowship Hall of Noel at  
4:15. The Fellowship Dinner will take place in the Crystal Bal-  
room of the Washington Youree. Dr. Jolly Harper, District Superin-  
tendent, will give the invocation. The program will be given  
you at registration time.

The evening session will be held in the Sanctuary of Noel,  
beginning at 7:30. Mrs. J. W. Horton, Jr. will be the guest speaker  
"Christ's Changeless Purpose Working Through Business Women  
Today". The Communion Service will close the evening session.

Sunday morning the Conference will convene for a Quiet  
Breakfast in the Crystal Ballroom of the Washington Youree at  
7:00 o'clock. Miss Arline Tyler, Spiritual Life Chairman, will pre-  
side. Mrs. G. W. Dameron (Shreveport) Conference Secretary of the

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Arline Tyler, Conference Chairman

As the Christmas Season draws to a close, may we truly  
cultivate the Spirit of Christmas in our own lives and in others as  
E. C. Baird describes it to us:

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—I am the Christmas Spirit!

I enter the home of poverty, causing palefaced children to  
open their eyes wide, in pleased wonder.

I cause the miser's clutched hand to relax, and thus paint a  
bright spot on his soul.

I cause the aged to renew their youth and to laugh in the  
old, glad way.

I keep the romance in the heart of childhood, and brighten  
sleep with dreams woven of magic.

I cause eager feet to climb dark stairways with filled baskets,  
leaving behind hearts amazed at the goodness of the world.

I cause the prodigal to pause a moment on his wild, wasteful  
way, and send to anxious love ones some little token that releases  
glad tears—tears which wash away the hard lines of sorrow.

I enter dark prison cells, reminding scarred manhood of what  
might have been, and pointing forward to good days yet to be.

I come softly into the still, white home of pain, and lips that  
are too weak to speak just tremble in silent, eloquent gratitude.

In a thousand ways I cause the weary world to look up into the  
face of God, and for a little moment forget the things that are  
small and wretched.

I am the Christmas Spirit!

## GREETINGS FROM MRS. L. B. KILPATRICK

President—Louisiana Conference  
Woman's Society of Christian Service

To you who have become members of the Guild in 1959, I  
extend warm greetings from the Woman's Society of Christian  
Service. It is good to have you a part of this great organization.  
In January special recognition is given to our Guilds and in that,  
too, the Woman's Society of Christian Service pays tribute by

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# The SECRETARY'S Pen

It is, indeed, gratifying to read the good reports from the districts. Guild members I commend you for the splendid work you are doing in your Church, your local Unit and your community. I am thrilled, beyond words, when I visit a local Unit and see the enthusiasm manifested. Our middle name is Service and you are truly serving. It is evident that you are concerned, by your witness.

We have many women unreached and especially in the Industrial Area. We cannot slacken until we have reached them all. I recommend that you turn back to your September issue of Methodist Woman, page 42, "Wesleyan Service Guild" and read and re-read, and then make an evaluation of your own Unit, and if you do not measure up to the standards, and have fallen short, it is time for you to take some action, and do something about it.

Since June 1st, we have had three new Units organized; one in Monroe district, one in Ruston district and one in Shreveport district. Our goal should be a Guild in every organized Methodist Church, with at least six employed women. In checking I find many Churches without Guilds.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Local Units will you join your district secretaries in trying to get 100% reporting, on time? It is very essential that the work be reported. Your report, local treasurer and local promotion secretary is due the local Woman's Society of Christian Service, and local Promotion Secretary of Woman's Society on or before January 20th, 1960. It would be good for district secretaries to send a warm reminder.

**JANUARY IS GUILD MONTH:** Have you made your plans BIG.

**SPRING CONFERENCE** at Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport, in March, read all-about-it in Guild Times.

**JURISDICTION GUILD WEEK-end**, Mt. Sequoyah, June 10-12, 1960. You will hear more about this in next issue of Guild Times.

**METHODIST WOMAN AND WORLD OUTLOOK**—We have more women subscribing for, and reading, Methodist Woman and World Outlook than ever before. Use them in your programs with your Program Booklets.

**MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE.** These reports are very encouraging. More study courses and more studies for Jurisdiction credit than ever before. We know, to grow we must study.

**FINANCES:** Our financial statements are also encouraging. On account of high cost of materials; equipment, and many other things, we must always keep this phase of our work on the increase. Give more memorials, and memberships.

Don't forget local Units, or district secretaries to send in the \$3.00 per Unit to Marilyn Carter, Conference Recording Secretary, Box 150 New Iberia, Louisiana. This is very important, as it is for special memberships.

District secretaries do make an effort to have each Unit in your district represented at the Spring Conference in Shreveport.

I attended the Mid-Year Executive meeting of the Woman's Society in Natchitoches, September 30th. It is always a joy and privilege to meet with these women and bring them Guild work, and work with them on their committees and also hear their wonderful reports.

Our Coaching conference at Camp Brewer in September was well attended. We enjoyed the coaching material and discussions, and I think benefited by it.

As we go to press we are entering into the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. We should pause and count our blessings, for they are many, also give Thanks for the privilege of serving. If we have Christ in our hearts we will keep Christ in our Christmas.

It has been a joy and privilege to meet with you in your districts and local Guilds: Thanks for the opportunity.

Hark! we hear a distant music,  
And it comes with fuller swell;  
'Tis the triumph-song of Jesus;  
Of our King, Immanuel!  
Go ye forth with joy to meet Him!  
And, my soul be swift to bring  
All thy sweetest and thy dearest  
For the triumph of our King!"

The Methodist Hymnal, No. 123,  
Stanza 5.

Sue Barton  
Conference Guild Secretary

## MRS. J. W. HORTON, JR., HOUSTON PRESIDENT, SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE TO BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER AT GUILD SPRING MEETING

Members of the planning committee for the 9th Annual Wesleyan Service Guild Conference Spring Meeting, to convene in Shreveport in March, were delighted to learn that Mrs. J. W. Horton, Jr., of Houston will be our guest speaker. Mrs. Horton is a native of Louisiana and lived for many years in Ruston. She is the daughter of "the parsonage" her parents were the Reverend and Mrs. Cassidy of the Louisiana Conference. She now makes her home in Houston where her 3 daughters live. She has held many offices in the Woman's Society of Christian Service on the local and district level. She was, in turn, Treasurer of the Texas Conference, then President. She is now serving her second quadrennium as President of the South Central Jurisdiction. Also, by virtue of office, she is a member of the Woman's Division and the Board of Missions. She is Secretary of the Jurisdictional Council; and member of the General Conference Committee on Methodism Overseas. She has been an elected member of General Conference three times.



Mrs. Horton is in great demand as a public speaker. As a homemaker she is a wonderful cook, has a cook book in preparation—very versatile—does exquisite hand work—collects antique glass. She is known for her many and original outstanding Christmas decorations.

Such an outstanding Christian woman will be an inspiration to the Guild members of the Louisiana Conference. We look forward, with eagerness, to hearing her as she speaks on the subject "Christ's Changeless Purpose Working Through Business Women Today".

## GREETINGS FROM MRS. L. B. KILPATRICK

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cooperating in planning programs together that give emphasis that is due the Wesleyan Service Guild.

The Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service Annual Meeting Program Committee Chairmen are working together to bring an informative and inspiring program to our meetings—March 16-20, 1960, at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana. Our theme is, "Christ's Changeless Purpose for a Changing World." Mrs. J. W. Horton, President of the South Central Woman's Society of Christian Service, will be one of the guest speakers for both the Woman's Society and the Guild. We have other outstanding persons on the program about whom you will hear from time to time in our publicity. I do want each of you who can to attend the sessions of the Woman's Society, as well as, the Guild Week-End.

Let us work together at the "Task of our Church which is never finished, but is inescapable."

Nellie Kilpatrick  
(Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick)

We are indebted to Betty Jo Chaffin of Noel Memorial for the picture of that church on page one. Noel Church and the Guild members of Shreveport District will host the 9th Annual Wesleyan Service Guild Conference March 19-20.





MISS HAZEL COOPER

District Secretary of Shreveport District — Chairman of Entertainment for Spring Meeting.

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Ruby G. Phillips, (Mrs. F. G.), Conference Chairman

The World Outlook for July of this year recorded some interesting data about the Wesleyan Service Guild which I should like to call to your attention at this time.

(1) In 1958 there were 131,170 employed women who were members of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

(2) These women gave, last year, a total of \$922,913.73 through the Wesleyan Service Guild toward the total program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

(3) 2,622 Wesleyan Service Guild members attended Schools of Missions.

(4) 55,842 attended study courses.

(5) 2,622 Wesleyan Service Guild members attended Schools

(6) 16,823 read the World Outlook.

(7) 19,230 Attended Guild Weekends and annual conferences.

(8) 1,237 attended officers' coaching sessions.

These facts reveal to us that Wesleyan Service Guild women are concerned with missions and are striving to become better informed through study, through conferences, and through coaching sessions. These data point toward better service.

We are proud of the growth of the Wesleyan Service Guild during the past twenty years since unification, but we are not SATISFIED. May these facts "prick the sides" of our good intentions and inspire us to do more during the year 1960 than we have done during the year that is drawing to a close.

Perhaps we Wesleyan Service Guild members in the Louisiana Conference need to pause as we approach the new year to check our accomplishments and our weaknesses in missionary education and service. This inventory could easily be a starting point for better service.

The following is a report of the study classes for the first period of the conference year (June, July, August, September):

District	No. JR's	No. Effic.	Total	No. Enrolled	No. Visitors	Total Studying
Alexandria	1		1	11	6	17
Baton Rouge	2		2	28		28
Lafayette	1		1	12	4	16
Lake Charles						
Monroe	1	1	2	43	12	55
New Orleans	2		2	15		15
Ruston	1		1	8	3	11
Shreveport						
Total	8	1	9	117	25	142

For comparison, I give the first period reports for the past three years:

1958—1959	2	2	25	11	36
1957—1958	7	7	71	5	76
1956—1957	3	3	47	11	58

As you note, the first period report is always our weakest one. Thus far in the second period (December 4), Thirteen J. R.'s have



MISS MARGARET MCGOWAN

Conference Chairman of Supply Work, And Program Chairman for the Spring Meeting.

## CONFERENCE SUPPLY WORK

Margaret McGowan, Chairman

I am very happy over the wonderful things our Guilds are doing for SUPPLY. It is good to know we are directing these funds through the proper channels, and the wonderful response to the Magazine and Picture Fund is excellent. Am sure that both Sager Brown and Epworth Village will be happier this Christmas because of the extra giving.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Ruth B. Cowell, (Mrs. E. T.), Conference Chairman

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Yes, that is a good wish. Let us do all in our power to make it come true, with Peace on Earth Good Will to Men, not only through the Christmas season, but throughout the years ahead. Peace in the heart of all of us, and interest in our neighbors, should facilitate peace throughout the world.

This interest in, and I hope understanding and sympathy with, other nations is being exhibited around the state. I'm glad to say that I've had fine reports on the study and have loaned the film and record to several. Tallulah, New Orleans, Bunkie, Paradise, Pineville and Alexandria I know have used it. We even showed them to a Business and Professional planning committee at Marie Pace's house one night.

The Pineville and Alexandria Guilds had fine window exhibits in the stores of Pineville and Alexandria for U.N. Day and the week ahead. Hope many other Guilds had a fine outcome.

Remember this is World Refugee Year and try to cooperate in some way. There are many exchange students around us, and some of our boys are still bringing home wives from other countries whom we should love and try to understand and help to understand us. This is a part of our work of Christian Social Relations.

Hope you had a wonderful Christmas and made someone else happy. May the New Year hold out hope, love and a chance to enrich the world with our service, is the sincere wish of your Christian Social Relations Chairman.

been issued from the following districts: Alexandria, 2; Baton Rouge, 1; Lake Charles, 2; New Orleans, 2; Ruston, 2; Shreveport, 4.

It is always a pleasure to read your reports and see the good work that is being done in the local units.

May the spirit of Christ abide in your hearts during this Christmas season.

## JANUARY IS GUILD MONTH

HOW ARE YOU OBSERVING GUILD MONTH? The reports from the various Guilds in District news include plans for the observance. Better still, if you will read the reports by Districts in your spring issues of Guild Times (I hope you are keeping a file) you will see what the Louisiana Guilds have done during GUILD MONTH. If you will refer to The Methodist Woman—Wesleyan Service Guild page—there are excellent suggestions. Also—look in your Guild Times file at the following issues and consider suggestions made in: January—1955; October—1956; December—1957; December—1958.

In reporting to your District Secretary, be sure to report HOW you observed GUILD MONTH so that we may carry your ideas in the spring issue. This is one of the many ways that Guild Times serves the local units of the Louisiana Conference.

## HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR PRAYER CALENDAR FOR 1960?

The increased interest in the use of the PRAYER CALENDAR throughout our Conference is most gratifying. If you have not already ordered yours for 1960, be sure to do so now. Order from the LITERATURE HEADQUARTERS, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Price 60c, or 3 for \$1.50. They make ideal gifts, especially for shut-ins. Use it in connection with the Upper Room for your daily devotional period.

## NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

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Woman's Society of Christian Service on Missionary Personnel will give the meditation.

At 8:30, following the order of business, Mrs. Sam Dunbar, of New Orleans, Conference Chairman of Supplies from the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and a member of the Guild Standing Committee, will speak.

The Conference will close in time for the delegates to attend church. Dr. B. C. Taylor, pastor of Noel Memorial, extends an invitation to the Conference to worship at Noel. Shreveport District will serve a buffet lunch to the delegates in the Activities Building following the Church service.

There are many details of the program not given here at this time. Many persons, not listed, will contribute to the program.

With such a challenging theme, and such outstanding persons participating, your Guild will want representation at the 9th Annual Spring Meeting. You will be hearing from the Registration Committee in a few weeks. Do not delay in sending in your registration for delegates.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Bee Sandefur, (Mrs. Alvin), District Secretary

Things really have not picked up in the Alexandria District as well as they should, when we think of Conference coming up so soon.

Emma Hickman, Promotion Secretary for the DORIS BRANTON UNIT reports that their U.N. Study was most interesting. An outcome of this study was to assist in placing the U.N. magazine in the Pineville Library and \$5.00 was sent to Project Hope. The unit contributed \$50.00 to a needy family in the community and sent \$20.00 to Margrette Wade Campbell, missionary in Mexico. Marie Pace, President, has had surgery recently but told me in ringing tones how the unit had a wonderful meeting without her. I have often thought how nice it would be if the different presidents would send in the vice president sometimes, as does a football coach when he sends in his second team. Seems like we could use that practice.

Sally Carter reports from TRINITY in Alexandria that silent prayer at six-forty-five each morning is practiced individually by each of their members. The Guild assisted in a reception for their pastor and wife.

Mrs. Rowena Lee reports from the BUNKIE Guild that an extra devotional at the end of each meeting adds so much—sort of an "after glow". Here the Guild served the youth and pastors during the revival. This Unit had a condensed study of the U.N. at two of their meetings. The last meeting using skits, film strip, a good speaker, and twenty-one people enjoyed the turkey supper.

Lucy Hargis, treasurer, showed a nice increase in the unit's pledge to Missions. Lucy asked about our "special askings". By this time, I believe our District Supply Chairman, Louise Roberts, has been able to send something on each special asking to inform the guild of the work we are doing in the three places.

JENA'S Margaret Anders writes that Mrs. Shirley Thompson

was teaching the Unit "Africa", Orchids to the Missionary Education Chairman.

Mrs. L. B. Harrison, MONTGOMERY Unit says that a few of their members took "Luke"—I feel that Christmas and Easter would mean more to us if we all had this study.

Florence Brock, NATCHITOCHES Unit reported a "Chalk talk" on youth was presented by Rev. Holt—also slides of South America were shown by the head of the Science Department at Northwestern.

In OAKDALE, Violet Maise notes that the group disbands in the summer and she promises a detail report next time. But that doesn't mean that they forget Guild as my copy of the treasurer's report from Margaret Leatherwood plainly shows.

PINEVILLE's report from both Katie Benson and Lois Bozeman delighted me—along with Project Hope, etc., twenty Upper Rooms went to a school in Japan and the chairman of Missionary Education visited Sager Brown School which is an education in itself. Pineville has invited me to their Christmas meeting and party.

Just had a note from POLLOCK, their promotion secretary has moved to Alabama and they immediately elected another who writes me that she will "promote the work and report promptly". Just what we ask for in our units, Thanks, Mrs. Hockenhill.

WINNFIELD Unit, besides the regular activities of Guild, had as their first home project new choir robes. Claudell Farr writes that they are collecting literature for the colored churches. They found the "U.N." most interesting with posters, maps, charts, clippings—much visual aid. This Unit has sent to all women of the church, Service Activity cards. Polly Harris, wrote this paragraph in her report and I want to quote it as I feel we could all use this idea: "Our committee, upon meeting a Guild member and having a chance at conversation, to ALWAYS TALK OF GUILD and if they have not been present for sometime, to tell them they are missed and to be sure and come to the next meeting". Isn't that a wonderful idea?

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Emma P. Mainous, (Mrs. C. G.), District Secretary

In Baton Rouge District the Guild units have been very busy with their programs. I would like for you to know what they are doing so will give you a look through the key hole.

AMITE—This Guild placed a book, Jesus Lived Here, in the church library in memory of Mrs. Catherine Batte. The program for the week of Prayer, The Secret of His Presence, was conducted by Mrs. Olga Morgan, Spiritual Life Chairman. The collection was \$21.75. Six members attended Day Apart at Camp Istrouma. Completed the Study on Luke's Portrait of Christ. Will give two life memberships during Guild month.

FIRST CHURCH BATON ROUGE—On November the 22nd., the Guild completed a most inspiring study of the U. N. Miss Lola Hunt was the capable leader who directed this study in such a way that it was truly an inspiration to the whole group.

The Annual Christmas party will be held at the home of Mrs. Emma Mainous on December 15th. One of the highlights of this meeting is the major project of this group. Mrs. Martha Klein, Chairman of Christian Social Relations will give the names of shut-ins to the group and they will be called on during the holidays and remembered with a small gift.

36 members attended Week of Prayer Service, which was beautifully executed.

INGLESIDE—This unit is helping a needy patient at Greenwell Springs Hospital. It was found that a small cash donation each month would enable her to buy material in order to weave articles, and she sells the articles so she realizes a little more out of the \$5.00 a month that she receives than if gifts were sent.

Have adopted the little Indian Girl again this year at Lee Memorial Missions in Calcutta. The money for this project is secured by each member saving her nickels and dimes throughout the year and the banks are opened in May. The money is sent along to the little girl. This is in addition to the regular pledges. Ingleside boasts an average attendance of 13 out of 17 members over the last six month period.

ISTROUMA—This unit has been buzzing with activity as they were host Guild for the Study of Africa during the month of November. Other Guilds participating were Ingleside, North Baton Rouge and Winbourne. The devotions were presented each time by Mrs. Alice Duncan with interesting and appropriate worship settings. Mrs. Eva Golson, Missionary Education Chairman, was in charge of all arrangements. Miss Sally Fleming and Mrs. Marion Boyd had charge of music and recreation. Mrs. Tennie Mae Turner was the teacher for the study.

BOGALUSA—This unit has completed the Study of The Role

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of the UN in World Affairs and is now enjoying the Gospel of Luke being presented by their pastor, Rev. Bob Crichlow. The interesting presentation of the Role of the UN was under the direction of Eleanor Wright.

**FRANKLINTON**—This unit places tops in news—October 4th., when four members were privileged to attend the District Retreat at Camp Istrouma. It is good when we can draw apart from our daily routine and Be Still and know that I am God. That is what we did on that day. The program was informative as well as inspiring, and a wonderful day of fellowship for all.

The study of People, Land and Churches has been completed. Was cleverly presented by Vivian Babington. The study on Africa under the direction of Ophelia Burris promises to be a most interesting one as it gets under way this month.

**PONCHATOULA**—The red letter day for this unit was moving day. They are the proud members of a beautiful new Sanctuary. One pew was purchased by the group in honor of Their Guild. They also held a rummage sale and financed the purchase of five brass offering plates.

All members participated in the 24 hour prayer vigil which preceded the Revival. They also held two—three hour virgils for Date McClellan, a critically ill member.

The annual Christmas dinner and program will be held with gifts for a needy family.

**DENHAM SPRINGS**—The W.S.C.S. and the Guild cooperated in the Study of The United Nations with Mrs. A. C. Steinmuller Jr., leader and Mrs. May Magee co-leader. Both are Guild members.

Plans are being made for a special Christmas program with gifts to needy families. Also a family supper during Guild month. The Churches division of the Muscular Dystrophy Drive on Tuesday Nov. 24th., was capably handled by the Guild.

Miss Mildred Leftwich, Treasurer, was given a life membership to the Guild by her sister.

**JACKSON**—The Book of Luke, presented by Rev. John Shearer, is being enjoyed by this unit. Average attendance at meetings is 13.

Plans are being made for a Tea during Guild month, honoring the women of the church and especially the employed women.

**UNIVERSITY**—This unit had a most interesting meeting during the month of October honoring the employed women of the church. All those who attended this meeting became members of Guild.

Special guest for this meeting was Mrs. Emma Mainous, District Secretary.

North Baton Rouge mourns the loss of one of their members, Mrs. Pansy Tumey (Dan). She will be much missed in this group where she was an active member. Our sympathy goes to her husband and children.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Maree White, District Secretary

Our fall meeting was held in New Iberia on Sunday afternoon, October 25. There was a good attendance with all Guilds in the district represented.

The opening meditation was given by Miss Raye Dalton of the Lafayette Guild. Welcome was voiced by Mrs. Edna Wattigny who represented the hostess group. After a brief business session and a hymn the main part of the program was presented, a panel discussion led by the following:

1. "The Changing Role of Women"—Miss Marjorie Holloway of Lafayette.
2. "Employed Women and the Church"—Miss Olive Hartwell of Rayne.
3. "Guild Organization and Purpose"—Mrs. Mary Spell of Abbeville.
4. "The Challenge"—Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Opelousas.

Quite a bit of discussion followed these talks, after which the group was led in the closing prayer by the New Iberia Co-Ordinator, Mrs. Ruth Cooke.

The program, phrased in rhyme, was summarized by Mrs. T. F. Wilbanks, President, Woman's Society of Christian Service of Lafayette. Didn't you think her account is clever?

### NOTES FROM LAFAYETTE MEETING AT NEW IBERIA

We regret our president is away  
But this is what I'd like to say:  
You are welcome to our hospitality—  
Let each assume her responsibility.  
Others are coming on whom we should wait

Our secretary is one—she's a little late.  
Now she's arrived her minutes she'll read  
We'll all be attentive and pay much heed.  
Our actions in Opelousas were called to mind  
A more active group would be hard to find.  
A need for a program committee we were to scan  
It'd release the executives from programs to plan.  
Idea accepted, committee named  
For future programs they can be blamed.  
Please subscribe to Guild Times—a good publication  
Will your Guild accept its full ration?  
Spiritual Life reports were called to mind  
Dorothy Dunbar said UNICEF had been maligned.  
Outgoing officers in Shreveport next spring  
Should have life membership pins, so your cash bring.  
To Marilyn Carter your money send  
You may trust her, she is our friend.  
Guild count showed each group represented  
Lafayette with many was proudly presented.  
For District Cultivation Fund a plea was made  
Plates were passed, contributions paid.  
A beautiful hymn was softly sung  
And then the panel discussion begun.  
The panel was seated, the topics announced  
Each speaker her views pronounced.

Margie Holloway:

She spoke of the traditional woman's role  
Marriage and work seemed to be her goal.  
But times have changed, woman has a career  
She marries, has children, and works it is clear.  
She asked us to question why women work—  
Economic need, not home duty to shirk.  
Women in public life have become more involved  
Their husbands need help, problems are to be solved.  
Do their children delinquent become?  
Well, no! Although, as always, there will be some.  
Women need to be active, to fill a new place  
Times are not static with the human race.  
The challenge to women must be fulfilled  
Her spirit and ability must not be killed.  
Whatever she CAN do that is basic and good  
She MUST do—it is what she should.

Hartwell:

Employment of women is here to stay  
Despite what anyone can say.  
They study Christian service and do what they can  
They serve the church, God, and man.  
Service and psychological reasons enter in  
Where home duties and other interests begin.  
We've created a situation where all don't agree  
But there's work a-plenty, and thoughts flow free.  
Now women are people with minds quick and astute  
And were not placed on earth just to be cute.  
For employed women there is a real need  
Get into the world's work with immediate speed.

Spell:

This talk is addressed to those not here  
The discipline's call for a Guild is quite clear.  
Guild is a separate organization  
But connected with W.S.C.S. in purpose and station.  
Why should I join? What can I give?  
Till you join in the work you don't really live!  
We study of others and their vital need  
Through Christian workers, spiritual needs and people we feed.  
Do we meetings have to attend?  
Can't we just our money send?  
You can—but belong to a team  
Working together is more fun than you dream.  
Discuss with others services to give  
Your outlook will brighten, you'll begin to live.

Dunbar:

We must know Christ and be aware  
Of many services in which we can share.  
We can lead, we can follow, we can work with zest  
We can give to God and the Guild our very best.  
Let's join in the work, put on a spurt  
Give prayer, service, and gifts and not really be hurt.  
Let's join Christian hands, and work as hard as we can  
For the best for all people—in God's kingdom for man.

Lafayette Wesleyan Service Guild  
Mrs. T. F. Wilbanks

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Dorothy Smith (Mrs. George R.), Secretary

At the time that Guild Times goes to the printer I have not received district news from Lake Charles District. Knowing those fine Guild members in that district I am sure they have been quite busy promoting the purposes of the Wesleyan Service Guild. I'm really anxious to hear how the district news sheet, which was planned for mailing to the Guild members of each local unit, is being received. Come on, Dorothy, and publicize your district! And you publicity chairmen—send me your news. The spring issue will give you extra coverage.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Fanny Thompson, (Mrs. J. B.), District Secretary

INTRODUCING: NEW GUILD — at Bonita Methodist Church—organized in October by Ruth Guthrie and Minza Rabun of Bastrop Guild—Welcome to the Guild Family!

CELEBRATING: Tenth Anniversary of the Mer Rouge Guild—Thursday November 19, 1959. Congratulations!

REPORTING: Monroe District Coaching Conference in Rayville. Sixty-one members representing thirteen of fifteen Guilds were present. Inspiration and information were the key notes of the talks given by the participants—and such good fellowship! Guild members are among the best people in the world—and we have so few occasions to enjoy one another on a district basis.

This is the second new Guild to be organized in the Monroe District this year. Their smiles predict success, as does the following report from the other new Guild — Gordon Avenue, Monroe, sent in by Mrs. Lucille Durham, Vice President:

The December meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Gordon Avenue Methodist Church was held in the Riviera Room of the Penn Hotel on Tuesday evening.

The group was called to order by the President, Mrs. Lennie Whitaker. The devotional "The Meaning of Christmas" was given by the Program Chairman, Mrs. Lucille Durham, after which the guest speaker, Rev. Walter M. Allen was introduced. He very ably gave a most interesting lesson and discussion from the Gospel of Luke. At the conclusion of the lesson study, a short business session was held.

The dining area was very pretty in its festive colors and a sumptuous dinner of turkey and all the trimmings was served to the following: Mrs. Lennie Whitaker, Mrs. Vivian Allen, Mrs. Lucille Durham, Mrs. Laura Phillips, Bobbie Lea Hearne, Mrs. Della Hearne, Mrs. Ruth Stratford, Mrs. Leita Stark, Mrs. Burdel Pogue, Mrs. Nettie Evans, Mrs. Jack Cloyd, Mrs. Julia Head, and the guest speaker Rev. Walter H. Allen, and Mrs. Velma Lou Hibbard, also a guest.

The benediction was said in unison. The group departed feeling that truly the Christmas Season was here.

Your editor was privileged to be the speaker at the 10th Anniversary of the Mer Rouge Wesleyan Service Guild. Miss Esther Tarver and her mother accompanied me to this very lovely occasion. The worship center — the anniversary birthday cake and refreshments — the cordial welcome extended us by the Mer Rouge Guild and members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service . . . all added up to a very wonderful evening. (Elizabeth Langford)

The JR Study on United Nations just completed by Unit 1, First Church, Monroe, was a thrilling and informative experience by those who had the privilege of this study under the leadership of



Officers of the Bonita Wesleyan Service Guild (back row—left to right) Vice President, Lois Robertson; President, Peggy Hope. (front row) Secretary, Alice McKoin; Treasurer, Maxine French.

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy. At one time, Mrs. Pomeroy undertook to teach separate sessions to morning and afternoon sessions of the Woman's Society and a night meeting of the Guild. Her excellent instruction, class participation and outgrowth-of-study made this one of finest experiences ever enjoyed by this Guild group.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

FIRST METHODIST

Elizabeth Beard, President

The Guild of First Methodist Church had a book review and social on Friday evening November 13. Mr. Harnett Kane, well known New Orleans author, reviewed his latest book "Have Pen—Will Autograph".

GRETNA

Beverly Biehler, President

A very successful spaghetti supper was given on the evening of October 3, in the social hall of the church.

An all out effort is being made on membership.

A successful study on The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs was held with the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Members of the Guild were in charge of the session held on October 21.

Miniature aprons have been distributed to be filled and returned for an apron party to be held soon.

Plans are being made for entertaining the Woman's Society of Christian Service in observance of Guild month in January.

GENTILLY

Lillian Carlin, President

The members of GENTILLY GUILD took part in the study of The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs in October in cooperation with another Guild the WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE. They hope to receive JR Credit for this study.

CARROLLTON

Vi Jackson, Reporter

THE CARROLLTON AVENUE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD has just completed a very interesting study on Africa. About fifteen members attended and participation in all the class assignments was excellent. They hope to receive JR Credit. Miss Sophie Kuntz was the instructor.

The Guild sponsored one of the Prayer Vigil nights prior to the church revival.

SECOND METHODIST

Mildred Evans, Reporter

The members of the Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service completed, during October, the study of The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs. At the last session the film strip "The United Nations Was Here" was shown, and the play in the September 1959 Methodist Woman—"A Spot Drama for UN Day" (UNICEF Reports to the General Assembly) was read. Both the Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service hope to receive JR Credit for the study.

Plans are being made for the annual Christmas party and for Guild month in January.

We regret that our President, Kathryn Wallace, has been compelled to curtail her activity for the present due to the illness of her mother, Mrs. W. Flanders. Kathryn's father, Mr. W. Flanders, we are happy to report, is recuperating from his illness. We join our prayers with hers for her mother's relief.

## DISTRICT NEWS

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

An "In Remembrance" gift was made by the New Orleans District in memory of Dr. Vela Cleveland's mother, Mrs. Clyde H. Cleveland, who passed away on September 20.

We regret that we were compelled to accept the resignation of our Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. Willie Ray Jones, at her request, due to her illness. The entire District joins in prayer for her recovery and return to activity in the work of the Guild.

A District supper and meeting was held on Wednesday, evening, November 4, at Carrollton Church. The supper was prepared and served by the members of Carrollton Guild under the leadership of Miss Emma Kuntz. Mrs. Hazel Gallaher, District President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service opened the meeting with a very beautiful devotional based on the book used in the study of the Gospel of Luke—"Luke's Portrait of Christ". Mrs. R. S. Wade, District Treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, spoke on the work of the treasurer, the importance of reporting on time, and how the money is used. The District Secretary gave a brief study of the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild and spoke on reporting by the Promotion Secretary. A nominating

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committee was elected and plans are being made for a Workshop to be held sometime in May under the direction of the District officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Guild Times was brought to the attention of those present and the need for more subscriptions and support was stressed.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Adele Nugent, (Mrs. Earl), District Secretary

The Ruston District Coaching Conference was held Sunday afternoon, September 29th at the First Methodist Church in Minden. Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life and Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education gave brief but excellent talks about their work. Thanks Arline and Ruby for coming our way. Following this the District officers gave good reports on the work in the District. A question and answer period followed.

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications of the W.S.C.S. had a display of literature and gave a brief talk about the literature.

Thirty-one members were present, representing nine of the eleven Guilds.

Week of Prayer and Self-Denial was observed in many ways in most of the Guilds. I've had wonderful reports of Study courses in Progress. I'm anxious to know the outcome.

As we enter the Holiday Season commemorating the birth of His Blessed Son, our Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus, let us do all we can to put Christ back in our Christmas thinking. A Merry Christmas to everyone.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

Shreveport District is happy to announce the organization of a new Guild. The women of the UNITY Church met in the home of Mrs. B. Warnix in September.

The District Secretary and Miss Arline Tyler met with the group. Officers were elected at the initial meeting.

President—Mrs. Bill Dooley

Vice-President—Mrs. Teresa Lamar

Recording Secretary—Mrs. John Clark

Promotion Secretary—Mrs. Ethel Myner

Treasurer—Mrs. B. Warnix

Co-ordinator—Mrs. William Sirman

Chm. Spiritual Life—Mrs. Bessie Sutton

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the homes of members.

MANGUM—ALMA LEVINS UNIT is the only Unit to date to report a completed study on the Louisiana Conference Annual Report. There is lots of information in the report. Use it as often as possible and be a better informed Guild.

Christian Social Relations and local church activities were prominent in recent reports.

LOGANSPOUT—This Unit had its eleventh anniversary in the summer. In honor of the occasion money was contributed for a stained glass window in the church. The window was dedicated to the Wesleyan Service Guild Unit.

MANSFIELD—An air-conditioning unit for the church kitchen was purchased and installed by the Mansfield Unit.

HAUGHTON—An air-conditioning unit for the children's room in the Sunday School was purchased and installed by this Unit.

### GUILD MONTH

First Church, Shreveport will host the Guild month banquet. The dinner will be January 22. Plans are incomplete. These Guild month banquets have grown steadily each year. We hope that all Units will plan to have representatives at the banquet.

### STUDY PROGRAM

The study program throughout the district is progressing steadily. In connection with these studies there will be action. As District Chairman I would like to bring the following recommendation to the attention of all Units in the District.

From Eighth Annual Report—Louisiana Conference, Wesleyan Service Guild, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. March 7-8, 1959

"Miss Marilyn Carter, Recording Secretary, read the following recommendation: that all money collected as an outgrowth of studies be designated for appropriations, that an article to that effect be published in GUILD TIMES, and that all district secretaries instruct local units of this. The Recording Secretary moved the adoption of this recommendation and it was seconded and carried." P. 127

It is the hope of the district officers that you will consider the importance of this recommendation as you direct your money for service.

## A LETTER FROM VELA CLEVELAND

Since our last issue of Guild Times we have had three very interesting letters from Vela. Her letter of September 28th was written just after she received the sad news of the death of her mother who passed away in Florida on September 19th. We quote her first paragraph:

"All of you will probably know, before you get this letter, that my mother died on Saturday night, Sept. 19, following a stroke on Friday. My family called me by long distance to tell me about it. It's wonderful to be able to talk to each other half way round the world. It's too bad we don't use it more often for other than sad news. I appreciated so very much the cable sent from the Guild, and I also appreciated very much the number of personal cables that numbers of you sent. Today I began receiving the nice cards which others of you have sent. Thank you everyone. As I told some of you—when I left Mom was in such poor health that I expected that she would not be there when I came back home again, but I did not expect it to be so soon. Right now it still seems so strange and unreal—I guess, because I haven't gotten any details as yet. They will come in the next few days. Thank you again, for your cables, cards, and letters."

Her letter of October 25th told of her "tour" with Dr. Shoemaker and of Miss Lucile Colony's visits to the various hospitals and mission centers. During her stay at the hospital in Kolar Dr. Sharada was on vacation so Vela put in many hours of work:

"It was very good to be back into the routine of hospital work again—and we did work, all of us. Although I had charge of most day-time deliveries and a few nights, Dr. Shoemaker was always there for any abnormal deliveries. One night, after all day of work for both of us, I was in the labor room until about 1:00 A. M. Then, about 2:15 A. M. they called both Esther and me and neither of us were back to bed the rest of the night. So you see, we have quite a busy service—and I haven't even mentioned our busy pediatrics service, men's service, women's medical and women's gynecology service."

Then the letter of November 22nd arrived just in time to pass it on to you. It is so interesting I just must give you almost the entire letter:

Agra, India—Where the Taj Mahal is.  
November 22, 1959

Dear Guilders and Friends:

You will soon begin to wonder if all I've done since I got to India is to travel and sight-see! And I have done a great deal. Miss Colony said when she was here last month, "You certainly have seen a lot for a 'youngster' in India."

Last month I wrote you from Yellori in the midst of the trip we were taking with Miss Colony. We were certainly welcomed everywhere with a real Indian welcome with garlands of flowers everywhere. I think we all liked our garlands best at a small Christian Community (they met us at the highway where we turned off to go to Yellori) and then again at Yellori. These were such light and dainty garlands made with white periwinkles with an occasional lavender one interspersed. Our visit with Eva Logue R. N. and Dr. D. Sonna in Yellori was most enjoyable. They have a very good set-up there in their Linn Health Center. We enjoyed going through the village to see the homes that a number of Christians have built there on a tract of land Eva and Deanor have bought. They advance money to build a good house with proper latrines, and the Christians then pay them back on installment for the plot of land and the house construction. They are very proud of their homes too.

From there we came back to work on November 27—Esther to Kolar and I to Tumkur—for three weeks of hard work.

This trip, from Nov. 17 to Dec. 7, is a very varied one. First Esther and I went to Belgann to our Sherman School and Girls Hostel (also high school). Here, in an improvised operating room, we did 17 tonsillectomies in one day. Esther and I did the surgery. We have a health center 20 miles from Belgann with Dr. Selvana Yogam, Joy Anderson (R. N. missionary) and a national R. N.—Martha. These three helped us. Dr. S. did the anesthesia. Joy really did the organizing and setting up of the whole scheme, and what a good job she did! We took two of our third-year student nurses from Kolar, and in addition had some 3 or 4 other helpers who assisted. Everything moved like clockwork and almost as smoothly as if we were in our own hospital. A room next to our "operating theater" was our hospital ward—a large empty room to begin with. As we finished each child, she would be taken into the room where her bedding was unrolled on the floor. Gradually one side of the room filled up with mats and unrolled bedding and one child laid out on each bedding. By noon we had done twelve operations, and then five in the afternoon. These five were high school girls and the operations more difficult as it took more to put them to sleep, and their tonsils were more

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## A LETTER FROM VELA CLEVELAND

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scarred with infection and harder to remove. All did very well. On Dec. 3 when we stop at Fales Health Center again, we will do three more tonsillectomies there for Dr. Telvanayagam. This experience has been quite interesting and worth while.

The rest of our trip: From New York came Miss Elizabeth Lee (from C.O.R. Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief) also Miss Henrietta Gibson and Mrs. Woolover (all three used to be in our Board office in New York but now are retired) to Delhi. In order to meet them in Delhi we flew from Belgann to Delhi. Then we found their schedules were changed and they would not be there until Sunday, and we had arrived Saturday 7:00 A.M. With our extra time we took advantage of an offer of Dr. I. Gibbons to drive with her to Amballa to see her Philadelphia Hospital, Presbyterian, in Amballa. We also saw Chanti Garh, an ultra modern city laid out in the jungle and wilderness and growing up now as the capital of the Punjab—most interesting, but not very Indian. All night we rode the train back to Delhi, arriving 6:30 A. M. Sunday. After an hour's sleep we found our three friends had arrived the night before. Then we decided we should go to Agra that day. So by 9:30 we were on our way to train again. We got to Agra about 2:30 and hired taxi for an afternoon of sightseeing. We saw the Taj Mahal from the Fort—where many palaces have been built with quarters after quarters for the harems of women. Then we went to the Taj Mahal and saw it in the late afternoon with the colors of the setting sun on it. It is a beautiful place with its fabulous panels of lacy carving out of solid stone slabs. We did not get to see it by moonlight.

Monday A. M. We took taxi to Urindaban where we have hospital and School of Nursing. This is smaller than the one in Kolar but they have more new buildings and they seem more spacious. In Urindaban we visited a very large mosque, remnant of the times of the Moghul emperors. Also we visited the Hindu Temple of the Milkmaids. This is supposed to be on the site of Krishna's birthplace. K. was one of the incarnations of the God Vishnu. In his youth Krishna was quite fabulous for his exploits among the milkmaids of the area. The stories of his escapades are quite something. We also visited the Places of the Widows. In these halls widows from everywhere and for hours every day sing a monotonous tune over and over, chanting the name "Ram" supreme God, which brings merit I believe to their dead husbands. They live in rented houses outside and each is given 5 annas a day for their livelihood—equal to about 6 or 7 cents. This pays their rent and some food.

From Urindaban we took hospital jeep about 100 miles back to Delhi. A flat tire on the edge of Delhi, so we finished trip in taxi. That evening we visited with Bishop Mondol's wife and Dr. Dorothy Chakko. I knew her daughter last year in Hartford, and it was at her request I had brought out most of the extra medicine and equipment I brought along with my luggage. We also visited Mrs. Hendrix Townsley, a most gracious Indian lady (Hendrix was in Seminary at Asbury when I was there and he came to India later as a missionary). We are to be guests in their home this weekend when we are in Delhi for Medical Council meeting.

The architecture here is amazing. Side by side will be the remains of a huge Muslim tomb built 3 to 400 years ago, the ruins of a Hindu Temple built hundreds of years ago and an ultra modern building like those in the USA. The new govt. offices are magnificent. We attended Parliament in afternoon—quite similar to a legislative session in Tallahassee—if the issue is red-hot everyone is present; if not, only a scattered attendance.

After dinner with Mrs. Mondol, Esther and I took train for Lucknow to visit Isabella Thoburn College, arriving 8:00 AM Wednesday. We had a very delightful day yesterday as guests of Miss Veda Downs, nurse. It was also very nice to see and be with Dr. Thillayampalam and others I'd met personally at Greencastle, Ind., St. Louis, or Buck Hill Falls. After dinner last night Dr. Bill Bauer came over. He is a short term 1-3 (Meth. term for India for three years) who came in June, and who was in Hartford the same time I was. He is here teaching chemistry in Lucknow Christian College. During the day we visited our Methodist Pub. House in Lucknow, and of course I enjoyed a tour behind scenes to see the type-setting and other processes go on.

Another interesting visit was to the Nir Manzil Psychiatric Center. The capacity is 25 in-patients, but with only one psychiatrist they do not run full capacity. This center was established by Dr. E. Stanley Jones, housed in a half modern and half Muslim-architectural building. In the lounge is the original painting of the Head of Christ by Sallman.

Now here it is Thursday—Thanksgiving Day with you at home. My goodness, and here we are on the train again. We will be in Bareilly sometime after 1:30 PM and there will visit

our Clara Swain hospital. This evening we spend the night again on the train returning to Delhi for our council meeting. Sunday we will go to Ludhiana (our medical school and hospital there) and then on up to Amritser. From there back to Delhi and then fly back to Belgann by 8 PM Dec. 3.

Blessings on thee all,

Vela

## OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .

. . . The family of Mrs. Prentice Lowe who passed away in October. She was elected President of the Minden Guild in April but, on account of her illness, did not get to serve. Mrs. Lowe was a dedicated Guild member and will be greatly missed.

. . . Dr. Vela Cleveland, Medical Missionary to India, and her family in Florida. Vela's mother passed away on September 20th.

. . . Miss Lillian Johnson of New York (our General Secretary) and her family. Lillian's father's death occurred in late September.

. . . The family of Mrs. Dan Tumey of Baton Rouge. Mrs. Tumey (Pansy) was a member of the North Baton Rouge Guild.

. . . Mrs. Sam Dunbar of New Orleans, (a member of our Wesleyan Service Guild Standing Committee) in the sudden death of husband in late November.

First Church, Monroe, honored one of its Guild members at a morning church service on Nov. 8th when "MRS. MAC DAY" paid tribute to Mrs. J. O. McMullen, who recently retired after serving 20 years as financial secretary of that church. She was affectionately recognized as "the angel" of First Church.

## WHAT ABOUT GUILD TIMES?

GREETINGS TO GUILD TIMES SUBSCRIBERS . . .

Now that the subscriptions for 1959-60 are possibly all in, except for those of new Guilds or new members, I suppose I can say that I am almost happy over the results. I asked you for 650 subscriptions this year and I can report 626 to date. My records show that 230 of this number are new subscribers. A number of Guilds have sent in subscriptions for the pastor, the W.S.C.S. president and the Guild library. This is an excellent thing to do. All new subscriptions coming in for 1959-60 will be mailed the September and December numbers, so that you will have a complete file for the year.

Many of you have asked for an attractive binder for your Guild Times. You notice that the standard 3-hole punch is used so that you can file your copies for permanent records. At the spring meeting in Shreveport we plan to have an attractive blue binder, imprinted in gold lettering, which we hope to sell for 50c. Come prepared to buy one for yourself and one for your Guild file.

And continue to send in Guild news. The wonderful things you say about Guild Times are most heartwarming and encouraging. Guild Times is being mailed to the 17 Conference Secretaries of the South Central Jurisdiction because we want them to see what Louisiana Conference is doing. And, in return, we want an exchange of their bulletins.

Some district secretaries cover the district news more thoroughly than others. When Guild units send news directly to me I add it to the news of the district whenever possible.

May I thank you again for your fine cooperation. This is YOUR GUILD TIMES. Read it, especially read "The Secretary's Pen" by Sue Batton. She lifts up the coming calendar events and keeps you informed of Louisiana news of note.

I'll see you in Shreveport. Do your part to see that EVERY GUILD in your District has at least one delegate in Shreveport on March 19-20. "May the Lord bless you and keep you, and cause His face to shine upon you . . ."

Elizabeth Langford  
Guild Times Editor

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## Shreveport Conference Pronounced Great Success

Those of us who had the good fortune to be counted among those present at the 9th ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE of the Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guilds convening in Shreveport March 19-20 received again a great challenge in the theme developed throughout the Conference: "CHRIST'S CHANGELESS PURPOSE FOR A CHANGING WORLD".

"O living Christ, Lord of the whole creation,  
O living Word, through every age the same,  
Jesus the Christ, today, yes, and forever,  
A thousand ages bless Thy holy Name."  
(Ralph S. Cushman)

... 222 registered—and about 50 other Guilders and guests were numbered among those who heard this theme developed by outstanding leaders.

Much credit is due the Program Chairman, Miss Margaret McGowan, New Orleans, (Conference Supply Work Chairman), the General Chairman, Miss Hazel Cooper, (Shreveport District Secretary), Miss Eola Brewster, President of Noel Guild, and all Guilds of the Shreveport District who shared in the many courtesies extended those attending the 9th Annual Meeting.

Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary, expedited the business sessions with efficiency and experience, assisted by Miss Maree White, acting Recording Secretary in the absence of Miss Marilyn Carter.

On Saturday morning the Executive Committee Meeting convened at the Washington-Youree with every District Secretary and every Chairman of Lines of Work present and several of the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service who are members of the Standing Committee. Along with other business transacted your editor was re-appointed to serve another two years as Guild Times Editor. At 12:30 the Committee attended a delightful dinner. The table decorations were the art work of the Wynn Memorial Guild.

The registration Committee supplied each delegate with a packet containing annual reports, souvenirs, note pad and pencil.

Corsages for Missions were made by the New Orleans Guilds and netted \$113.00 for Missions.

During the Saturday afternoon business session the Conference elected two new Chairmen: Mrs. H. Austin (Agnes) Miller of Monroe, was elected to succeed Mrs. F. G. Phillips as Chairman of Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. Tom (Ruth) Guthrie, Sr., Bastrop, was elected to succeed Miss Margaret McGowan as Chairman of Supply Work. These new officers are well versed in these lines of work and will make a great contribution to our Conference Standing Committee.

The PLEDGE SERVICE written by Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy of Monroe was beautiful and impressive, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, accepted the pledges made by the Secretaries of the Eight Districts, with Mrs. Wideman Watson of Homer, substituting for Mrs. J. H. McSween, Conference Treasurer, as she lighted the large Missionary Candle that burned for Missionaries around the world. The names of missionaries and deaconesses who have gone out from the Louisiana Conference to places of service were called by Mrs. Kilpatrick as Miss Marie Pace of Alexandria lighted a white taper in a large silver candelabra for each one named. As the District Secretaries lighted their tapers by the large candle they pledged \$15,910.00 as follows:

Alexandria District	236 members—pledged	\$ 1,700.00
Baton Rouge District	296 members—pledged	2,450.00
Lafayette District	100 members—pledged	1,000.00
Monroe District	283 members—pledged	1,900.00
Lake Charles District	304 members—pledged	1,900.00
New Orleans District	267 members—pledged	2,000.00
Ruston District	235 members—pledged	2,010.00
Shreveport District	318 members—pledged	2,700.00

CONFERENCE TOTAL 2,039

\$15,910.00

An unusually attractive guest introduced to the Conference was Mrs. Elisa Ocera of the Philippines, who is one of the 10 Christian women from 8 countries of the world invited by the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division to spend the first months of 1960 in the United States. They first visited the annual meeting of the Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., where 93 missionaries were commissioned; and are sharing their time with annual conference meetings before going to Epworth-By-the-Sea in Georgia, and later to General Conference in Denver in May. Mrs. Ocera presented to us the progress of Christian work in the Philippines. She closed with:



Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Shreveport, guest speaker on Sunday morning.

If you don't study, you don't know;  
If you don't know, you don't care;  
If you don't care, you don't give;  
If you don't give, you don't grow."

Following the afternoon business session a Fellowship Tea in the spacious parlor of Noel was hosted by Guilds of Mangum—Unit One and Alma Levins Unit.

The Fellowship Dinner at the Washington Youree Hotel was an hour of enjoyment. At this dinner especially—and throughout the entire Conference—Dr. A. C. Voran, with Mr. R. N. Halquist, Mrs. Eleanor Delafield and R. W. Ellis, entertained in song and led in hymns of worship.

To honor their terms of service to the Conference, Honorary Life Memberships were presented by the Conference to Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Miss Margaret McGowan and Mrs. Wideman Watson. In their honor \$300.00 was sent to Missions, and they each received an Honorary Life Membership Pen. Mrs. Watson will continue to serve the Woman's Society in another capacity, as she was elected Chairman of Missionary Education and Service. In this capacity she will also assist our Guilds.

At the evening session at Noel the highlight of the Conference was having Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., of Houston, our President of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, bring us a message on "Christ's Changeless Purpose Working Through Business Women Today". Mrs. Horton has that quality of character that radiates love for her service to her Master, her dedication to her work, and her ability to immediately feel at home with any group of women. This last was especially true as she returned to the home state of her birth. As she continues to serve her eight years as Jurisdictional President, may God continue to bless her as she inspires other women to serve in Christ's Kingdom. The evening hour concluded with the Communion Service conducted by Dr. B. C. Taylor, Rev. Leonard Cook and Rev.

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# The SECRETARY'S Pen

## SHREVEPORT CONFERENCE

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I first want to thank you who contributed to the success of our 9th. Annual Spring Conference. Our hearts were warmed by the messages brought to us by our speakers. I will not go into the Spring Conference, in detail, as I am sure our Editor of Guild Times will give us a full coverage.

### JURISDICTION GUILD WEEKEND: Mt. Sequoyah

Your district secretary has your Registration blank, and should contact each Guild Unit to inform her of the dates of the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend June 10-11-12, 1960. The Conference Secretaries take a greater responsibility in registration of their respective Conferences. Your registration should reach me on or before May 25th, 1960. Those staying on the Mountain will send a check for \$4.85, and those staying off the Mountain send a check for \$1.85 to cover registration, ground, and insurance to your conference secretary.

Each person staying off the Mountain is to make her own reservations to the Motels or Hotels. Quoting further from the Housing Committee, "Get publicity about the Weekend out to members early enough so the registrations can be sent to the CONFERENCE SECRETARY rather than to the REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN. Conference Secretaries will then hold these registrations as they come to her until a week before the deadline date and send as many as possible to the Registration Chairman at ONE time". Remember if you do not follow instructions you might be left off, for the ones coming from the Conference Secretary will have priority. Some have already registered, and they are fast going. We only have 24 places on the Mountain.

### DISTRICT AND LOCAL:

If you have not done so, please elect your officers and get to me a complete officers list as soon as possible, otherwise you might not get in the ANNUAL. WILL YOU ATTEND TO THIS IMMEDIATELY?

### GUILD WEEKEND, Camp Brewer:

Keep the dates of July 15, 16, 17 before you for it is an important date for all Guild officers, and each member for you are prospective officers too. We will have workshops for all lines of work. We do need to know more about our work.

### CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS:

The Conference School of Missions will convene August 15-19, 1960, Centenary College, Shreveport, The Guild will conduct another Clinic, and cover all lines of work. I will be looking forward to seeing you again.

Our next Quadrennium will bring us some changes. The promotion secretaries will only have to make two reports each year, and the Membership chairman will have the responsibility of STATUS of women. The District Secretaries will have greater responsibilities. For all of this information, read the Methodist Woman. If her work should get too heavy, the district can coopt. a helper, however, without STATUS. We must work with and through our district secretaries, and the same applies to our local and conference officers.

To keep members we must spend much time on program building, and I urge more use of the Prayer Calendar and Annual.

We have FOUR more Guild Units to report the last quarter, and we are growing.

In closing I would ask that we all rededicate ourselves to the work, and make a deeper commitment, that we may keep our Guild Program on the highest level.

Devotedly,

Sue Batton,  
Conference Guild Secretary

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Monroe First Church Guild, Unit I

By Ena McDuff

The September GUILD TIMES carried an account of a culminating activity of the program entitled, "Building Christian Character—Youth." Other Guilds were invited to participate in the project, which we sincerely hope they did.

There is no way of knowing how many joined in writing to television—both network and local stations—and motion picture code administrators, but we can report SOME positive action.

In this unit, personal letters, as well as Guild letters and resolutions were mailed. Churches and organizations in Monroe and other sections of North Louisiana were contacted. Letters



Mrs. Sam Dunbar, New Orleans member of Guild standing committee, gave the meditation at the quiet breakfast.

Fred Shirley. The Gifts at the altar totaled \$307.00 and were dedicated to Missionary Cultivation.

Of course we can't take space to cover the little informal groups that gathered here and there at the Washington-Youree that night, but whether around coke tables in the Snack Grill or over mid-night snacks in one of the hotel rooms, Guild "girls" found it hard to break away from the happy, enthusiastic fellowship that is engendered at such a conference get-together. One of the richest rewards of these annual meetings is found in friendships knit together on a conference level, as a result of Christian service. For these wonderful friends we thank our "changeless Christ".

Sunday morning at 7:00 the Quiet Breakfast was a benediction to us all. Arline Tyler, in her meditative voice guided the program. Mrs. G. W. Dameron challenged us anew with the theme "A Commitment to the Changeless Christ", while appropriate programs suggested meditation. After a brief recess the closing business session was conducted. The two delegates elected to Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah were Miss Maree White of Opelousas and Miss Elizabeth Lowery of Mansfield. Mrs. Earl Nugent of Ruston was elected alternate. Important dates announced included Mt. Sequoyah Jurisdictional School of Missions—June 7-10; Guild Weekend—June 11-12; Camp Brewer Guild Weekend—July 15-16-17; Conference School of Missions, Shreveport—August 15-19.

The 1961 Spring Meeting of the 10th Annual Conference will be held in Lake Charles, following the meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service Conference.

The closing meditation of the Conference was brought by Mrs. Sam Dunbar of New Orleans, using as her subject "A Christian's Challenge for a Changing World". The Conference was concluded with prayer by Mrs. E. T. Cowell, Chairman of Christian Social Relations, and adjourned by Miss Sue Batton.

were sent to acquaintances in several states apprising them of the project.

Several sermons on the subject were preached by area ministers. A talk was made before the American Association of University Women. The Monroe Lions Club, at least one Eastern Star group, and several Sunday School classes sent in resolutions.

By way of positive RESULTS, Monroe Lions Club received a letter from Public Relations of Lions International congratulating them for their action. A letter from Gordon S. White of Production Code Administration thanked Lions for their "commendation of the best in motion pictures" and expressed the belief that there would be many more worthy of commendation this next year. He also mentioned having personally called their letter to the attention of the Hollywood director and staff.

NBC recently appointed someone to head their new Department of Standards and Practices to keep an eye on what goes on in NBC radio and television and to make decisions where questions of propriety and taste were concerned.

It is not a time to relax our efforts. The old cliché about catching more flies with molasses than with vinegar still works. A supply of postal cards and a pencil by the television set; a note of commendation and appreciation to the sponsor, the local station, the producing network, or all three, and to the local theater about motion pictures, when a worthwhile program is presented; a word of protest for the undesirable ones! So little time and effort, yet who can foretell the far-reaching results?

For the conveniences of ambitious readers, addresses follow: CBS Television Network, 485 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York; National Broadcasting Co., Inc., RCA Building, Radio City, New York 20, N. Y.; American Broadcasting Company, Seven West 66th Street, New York, New York; Motion Picture Association of America, 1600-I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.; Production Code Administration, 28 West 44th Street, New York 36, New York.



## GUILD MONTH OBSERVANCE



Centered in the photograph is the worship center of blue and yellow flowers, an open Bible, and the Guild emblem. Mrs. Opal Jones (left), president of the Glover-Bengston Wesleyan Service Guild, is shown with Mrs. Minza Rabun, past Louisiana Conference Secretary of the Guild, and speaker for Guild Sunday.

WINNSBORO—Mrs. Opal Jones, President

"Two new members have been added to the GLOVER-BENGSTON GUILD in 1960, making a total of 16 members. Others have shown a great deal of interest as a result of the observance of Guild Month.

Mrs. Mollie Wiggers, Chairman of Spiritual Life, led the Guild in trying a number of things. Each week there was an announcement in the church bulletin. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Bengston, and the President of the Woman's Society, Mrs. Alice Walters, were consulted. Both gave helpful suggestions. The church rolls were studied. As a result of this study 37 gainfully employed ladies, who are neither members of the Guild or the Woman's Society, were contacted.

At the night service, January 24, two Guild members, Mrs. Jewel Stodghill and Miss Roxie Killian, gave short talks on, "The History of the Guild" and "The Significance of the Guild Emblem". The GLOVER-BENGSTON GUILD is named for two of its beloved members who have gone on to their reward.

This group meets twice each month on Wednesday night. The average attendance for the 4 months prior to January was 10. Due to personal invitations made to prospective members, 15 ladies were present at the second meeting in January.

The climax came January 31 when Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop, spoke to the entire congregation at the 11 o'clock service. Her Subject was, "Our Challenge to Discipleship". Guild members were introduced to the congregation, the choir gave an inspirational rendition of the Guild Hymn, and the congregation was asked to repeat the Guild Benediction with the group. Just before the Benediction Miss Roxie Killian, President of the Guild in 1943, when it was organized, was presented an Adult Life Membership pin and certificate, very much to her surprise.

An arrangement of blue and yellow flowers, an open Bible, and the Guild emblem formed the worship center for this service.

The prospective members were invited to sit in the group with Guild members in reserved pews, and to join the Guild members at the fellowship luncheon which followed the service."

(Clipped from the Minden Church Bulletin of January 14th: "We are today recognizing the WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD and its principles and purposes. January is Guild Emphasis Month and every employed woman in, or connected with, our Church is most cordially invited to become a part of this Christian group."

Mary Searles, Minden Guild member, often sends your editor promotional material prepared in behalf of their JR Studies. The "Pattern for Living" on the study of Luke, and bulletin on "Africa" including the theme song "Kum Ba Yah" were both attractive and clever. Thanks, Mary!!

IF YOU DID NOT GET A BINDER FOR YOUR GUILD TIMES AT THE SPRING MEETING, you may order them from your Guild Times Editor—306 Bernhardt Building—Monroe. 50c each.

## SUPPLY WORK

Margaret McGowan, Conference Chairman

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. A Secretary of Supply Work be elected in each local Guild, who will attend training days and see that the treasurers reports are sent in on time, using the Handbook as a guide for her work.

2. Local and district secretaries and conference chairman educate Guilds to a greater appreciation of the work of the Guild and the need for Supply Work.

3. The needs on the Guild's Askings list be met. Until the Askings are met in the local guilds, the needs have not been fully met. Only then should contributions be made to other institutions.

4. The Conference Chairman will make a check at least twice a year to see if the institutions on the Guild's list of Askings are receiving the necessary materials or cash as requested.

5. All cash for Supply Work should go through the local treasurer of the Guild to local treasurer of the Woman's Society, and she will send these to the Conference Treasurer.

### ASKINGS:

There will be an increase in the Askings for the coming year, 1960-61, for our needs are much greater than they have been in other years. Askings are the needs the institutions have requested. That is why it is so important that we meet the Askings sent to Guilds for they are the essentials needed in that particular work.

As outgoing Conference Chairman of Supply Work, I would like to thank the district secretaries, local and district treasurers of the Woman's Society and local and district Supply secretaries of the Guilds for their cooperation and help in channeling our Askings to proper destinations.

I hope you will give the new Supply Chairman the same help and cooperation which you have given me, as it is only by working together that we can accomplish much.

Margaret W. McGowan

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Ruth B. Cowell, (Mrs. E. T.), Conference Chairman

"First—Thank you Guild Times! If it weren't for you, our Guilds would know little of what is going on in Christian Social Relations. Personally, this is my most important means of communication.

Then . . . we are nearing the end of another Conference Guild Year. But time doesn't stand still . . . a new one is already clamoring to be planned for. Much progress has been made to date in Christian Social Relations, as evidenced by the increased number using the film strips and records available and the interest taken in doing something following study. For all their interest and hard work I want to thank the officers and members throughout the conference.

But we cannot rest on our laurels. Let us not fall prey to that most common, consuming and dangerous disease—complacency. We must continue our interest in The United Nations, one of the vital issues in these troubled times. There is always new material available . . . use it!

Leading among informative materials are our own pages in the Methodist Woman and the World Outlook. The National Council of Churches issues "Memo", a one sheet bulletin, which contains information on what is going on in Congress. Subscription is \$1.00 a year, published twice monthly. Write "Memo", Washington Office, 122 Maryland Ave., N. E., Wash., D. C.

What do you think about serving alcoholic beverages on planes? Have you written your legislators, radio and TV Stations about it? Public opinion carries definite influence ONLY if the people in authority know what it is.

Have you had a citizenship Brunch? Baton Rouge District had a fine one in January on Family Life.

Are you really putting your mind and heart into learning more and doing more about the "Charter of Human Rights" and what the Woman's Division believes? What can WE do about this "Migrant" question? All are important.

There are so many fundamental issues. Concentrate on the ones you feel able to do something about, and listen as they are presented at Annual Meeting, in leading magazines, newspapers and on radio and television.

Study . . . Decide . . . Act! Let us finish our year on an even higher plane of understanding and service than the first three quarters.

I'll be communicating with you—see you in Shreveport."

Yours for better C. S. R.  
Ruth B. Cowell

May each of you have a JOYUS EASTER TIME. Because of the CROSS you and I have all the blessings of a CHRISTIAN LIFE.



## IN MEMORIAM

### ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT:

Miss Lima Cook—member of the Oakdale Wesleyan Service Guild—passed away in January

### LAFAYETTE DISTRICT:

Miss Marilynn Carter (Conference Recording Secretary) of New Iberia—lost her father, Mr. J. E. Carter on March 8th

Mrs. Joyce Prejean of the Lafayette Guild, lost her only brother.

Mrs. Inza Curtis—President of the Rayne Guild—lost her mother.

### MONROE DISTRICT:

Miss Marguerite Kirkpatrick—West Monroe Guild member—lost her mother.

In Unit I, First Church Monroe Guild, several members have lost members of their family:

Mrs. S. M. McReynolds and Mrs. Adelia Baylor lost their brother.

Miss Bess Sharpe lost her mother.

Mrs. J. O. McMullen lost her brother.

### NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT:

Kathryn Wallace—President of Second Church Guild—recently lost her mother (December) and her husband in February.

Lucile Wells—President of Rayne Memorial—lost her mother.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Bee Sandefur, (Mrs. Alvin), District Secretary

Our Eleven Guilds in the Alexandria District show by their reports that "business in Guild" has really picked up!

Emma Hickman, Secretary of Promotion, DORIS BRANTON GUILD, First Church in Alexandria writes that participation in the total program has given them much pleasure: Human Rights program with the W. S. C. S.; Week of Prayer and Self Denial; United Church Women; etc. Margaret Hickman, treasurer, writes that as an outcome of the study of the U. N. this Guild sent money to Project Hope and helped the Pineville Guild place United Nations magazine in Pineville library. Miss Marie Pace is President.

TRINITY, Eunice Sayes, President, has a very good average attendance, 14 out of 17. Lucille Gunter, treasurer, reports that among other things the Guild gave an Honorary Baby Membership to a member's new baby this quarter. Sally Carter, Promotion, says they are continuing their silent Prayer at 6:45 each morning and participated in a prayer vigil before their revival, Christian Social activities included gifts to a nursing home, cards to shut-ins, and a gift to the Salvation Army. All special days are observed by the TRINITY GUILD.



Members of the Bunkie Wesleyan Service Guild and Woman's Society of Christian Service in joint session as they study "Isaiah Speaks" for J. R. Credit. (This picture failed to make an earlier issue).

Mrs. Rowena Lee, Promotion Secretary of the BUNKIE GUILD reports sharing of a great amount of Spiritual Life material, due to the alert and able chairman, Janice Richardson. Janice is ever on the look-out for more material for devotionals as well as her beautifully constructed worship settings, which she explains as part of her program. Two memorials were given in memory of loved ones. This Guild followed a program from the Methodist Woman and assisted in a full morning Church service to celebrate their Birthday and took this opportunity to again explain our work to the congregation. Mrs. P. A. Hoover, treasurer, shows a fine report and instead of a collection, this Guild has a plate at the door and a love offering may be placed there. Nancy Jones is President in Bunkie.

COLFAX, Miriam Nugent, President, has a good regular at-

tendance 10 out of 12. Irene Wampler, Promotion, reports some beautiful worship settings and lovely arrangements when decorating the altar for Sunday services. A special U. N. meeting with panel discussion; Christmas program with the W. S. C. S. and a special program with visual-aids showing where our missionaries are working all add up to make Guild attendance a MUST!

JENA GUILD which meets twice a month also has a good average attendance, 16 out of 18. Margaret Anders, Promotion, reports 2 studies completed, the U. N. and Africa, the action from the latter being money to Hartzell Girls school in Mozambique. Margaret is both treasurer & Promotion secretary. Mrs. Belvin Steed is President.

Mrs. Bernard Harrison, MONTGOMERY, Promotion Secretary, reports that Guild is finishing the study of Luke with 12 out of 13 members—isn't that wonderful. Mrs. Doris Hall, gives a beautiful devotional to end each of their meetings. Mrs. Ross Robertson, President

NACHITOCES: Mrs. Dorothy Markham, President, has finished the U. N. study with the W. S. C. S. Florence Brock, Promotion, reports the use of a film strip on the work of Albert Schweitzer and a talk from a member of the W. S. C. S. A love offering was taken at the Christmas party and given to a needy family.

OAKDALE GUILD lost a beloved member, Miss Lima Cook, this quarter. We will all miss her. Violet Moise, Promotion, writes that their average attendance is good, even tho they disband in the summer. Ella Kennington is President in Oakdale.

Louise Jones and her PINEVILLE GUILD is ever on the march. Lois Bozeman, Promotion, reports the use of the Prayer Calendar by many; their beautiful devotionals and worship settings and a Life Membership was given at Christmas. Pineville, Trinity and First Church Guilds cooperate in their Studies every year. Katie Benson, treasurer, reported the outcome of the Study on Africa was money to Kind Social Center, Belgian Congo. This Guild meets twice monthly, too.

Mrs. Colletta Dunn, POLLOCK President, was ill when I visited them this quarter and her "shoes" were filled by Catherine Futrell, vice president. How I enjoyed my visit and the crowd there, some W. S. C. S. members and some Baptist members. Winifred Smart, treasurer, reported sending money for a Wesley supper at Northwestern, along with the W. S. C. S. Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Beal, having moved, the January report came from newly elected Secretary, Mrs. Marvin Hockenhull. The Church and Medical Missions, church wide study, was being enjoyed. A good program on the U. N. using material obtained at Seminar and pamphlets from Literature Headquarters. Mrs. Dunn, President, led the Week of Prayer program and did a fine job. The Christmas offering at their party went for food, fruit, clothing, cake and candy for a needy family and as Mrs. Hockenhull put it "A mother, father, and five children were made a little happier." Once every three months the Guild has a get-together just for themselves and families—such a nice thought.

WINNFIELD, Joyce Rogers, President, has many "Other Activities" reported such as the Courtesy Committees visitations to church shut-ins, flowers being sent etc. Polly Harris is chairman of this committee. Claudell Farr, Promotion Secretary reports two studies completed, U. N. and Luke, the latter being taught by Mrs. Staples, Missionary Education Chairman. This Guild, as action following the Study of Luke, entered a float in the Christmas parade, the theme being "The Life of Christ". Thirteen Methodist men appropriately dressed and bearded depicted "The Last Supper". A silver tea was given by this Unit to raise funds for UNICEF, the Action from the study of the U. N., which was taught by Mrs. R. O. Dunford, a member of the W. S. C. S. And WINNFIELD GUILD reported assisting a colored Methodist Church to arrange their Christmas program and furnished material for their devotional. What a wonderful way to add to their own Spiritual life, their Christian Social Relations and to their missionary activities.

Winnfield observed Guild Month Sunday, January 17, by sitting as a body at the Sunday morning service. WSG was recognized by the Pastor from the pulpit, for their work in the local and mission fields. The purpose of the Guild was printed in the Church bulletin. The Choir director, Educational Director and Guild member sang as a special at this service the GUILD HYMN, this was Miss Linette Davis.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Emma P. Mainous, (Mrs. C. G.), District Secretary

Guild Month in Baton Rouge District was observed in many interesting ways by the Guild units. As a climax to this special month, a District Citizenship Brunch was held in the Gymnasium of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

This, our first Citizenship Brunch was enthusiastically received

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Reading left to right in the picture, Mrs. Ruth Cowell, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations—Judge Joe Sanders, Family Court and speaker—Mrs. Dean Causey, District Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

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by members and officers of the District as some 130 gathered for the occasion.

The program was opened with the invocation presented by Mrs. Maggie Wood, Bogalusa Guild and was followed by greetings from Mrs. Emma Mainous, District Secretary. The musical selection of the Guild Hymn was presented by Miss Sally Fleming and Mrs. Marion Boyd of ISTROUMA GUILD.

Mrs. Dean Causey, District Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Chairman of the brunch, introduced Judge Sanders, whose address was entitled "What are we selling?"

In his address to the gathering Judge Sanders said that good citizenship begins in the home, in the Church, and in the educational system of our communities. For a moral and physical re-armament, these must be strengthened, he said. Judge Sanders said that if we do not give a fair chance to children, the citizens of tomorrow, then we rear a generation of Frankensteins. He pointed out that love from both parents, reasonable discipline, and closeness in the home strengthen children to grow into good citizens.

Following Judge Sander's address there was a question and answer period. There was much participation in this session as our interesting speaker gave his views on the questions asked.

A red, white and blue motif was carried out in the decorations on the banquet tables. At the speaker's table (note in picture) a huge flag was formed of red and white camellias around a blue field of stars. On the long tables small figures fashioned of pipe cleaners carried miniature flags. Streamers of red and white camellias were used on all the tables.

All fourteen of the Guild units in the District were represented. Eleven out of fourteen presidents: Ten out of fourteen Christian Social Relations Chairmen and six out of six District officers.

Special guests were: Mrs. Ruth B. Cowell of Pineville, Wesleyan Service Guild Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. J. L. Kellum, Bogalusa, Woman's Society of Christian Service District Chairman of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. R. O. Coopender, District President of Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. W. W. Hyde, District Treasurer of Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild and Mrs. Joe Sanders, wife of Judge Sanders.

The Christian Social Relations line of work, with Dean Causey as Chairman and all the local chairmen as her committee will long be remembered for the outstanding manner in which they planned and carried out the Citizenship Brunch. Those serving on this committee were: Mrs. Florence Barnes, INGLESIDE; Mrs. Nancy Kemp, HAMMOND; Mrs. Myrtle Kilpatrick, AMITE; Mrs. Evelyn Traylor, DENHAM SPRINGS; Mrs. Dot Huckabee, NORTH BATON ROUGE; Mrs. Betty Denham, UNIVERSITY; Mrs. Martha Klein, FIRST METHODIST; Mrs. Verdice Matheny, ISTROUMA; Mrs. Edith Holmes, WINBOURNE; Mrs. Ruby Doughty, KENTWOOD; Mrs. Frances Lee Saint, PONCHATOULA; Mrs. Vera Matherne, FRANKLINTON; Mrs. Leota Noland, JACKSON; Mrs. Lula Mitchell, BOGALUSA.

The Benediction was given by Mrs. Mary Louise Bankston of the JACKSON GUILD and Baton Rouge District closed another chapter and added a new district activity, highly recommended to all. Do try it.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Maree White, District Secretary

The NEW IBERIA GUILD reported a very interesting observance of Guild Month. They met with the WSCS at a covered dish supper on January 26. The centerpiece of the table was a blue and gold cake with ten candles, it being the tenth anniversary of the Guild unit. A devotional was given by Marilyn Carter after which Mrs. Cora Lunney of Franklin gave a talk on the United Nations illustrated with slides; this tied in with the study then in progress. On Sunday, January 31, the Guild was honored at the evening service at which time members participated in the church-wide study. A life membership was presented to Mrs. Laureal Fremin on that occasion. The church bulletin carried Guild literature explaining the purposes of the organization and inviting women of the church to become members.

In OPELOUSAS the Guild spearheaded a joint meeting of the three adult organizations of the church, the WSCS, the Men's Club, and the Guild to observe Guild Month on the fifteenth anniversary of the local unit. After a covered dish supper, a representative gave a brief history of each organization. The WSCS, with its predecessors in Opelousas, was traced back to 1879 by Mrs. E. A. Moise, who reported the highlights gleaned by reviewing the old minutes. The Guild history was presented in the form of a skit by Bessie Fairley, Dorothy Dunbar, Leola Clark, and Maree White. Mr. Harry Regan traced the record of the Men's Club since 1946, the date of its organization. The highlight of the evening was a talk given by Dr. Harold Brewster from his home in Mount Clair, New Jersey, through the medium of Direct Distance Dialing. This talk was made possible by the local telephone company in connection with a demonstration of the new system soon to be in use locally. Dr. and Mrs. Brewster are the authors of the textbook for the church-wide study, The Church and Medical Missions, which the local church studied during January. Others contacted during the evening and who spoke over the amplified telephone via DDD were Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy of Monroe, Vice-President of the Louisiana Conference WSCS, and Mrs. A. A. Collins of New Orleans, who was largely responsible for the organization of the Opelousas Guild unit. To climax their anniversary, the Guild presented a life membership to Miss Ivy Mae Burleigh.

The members of the LAFAYETTE GUILD were guests of the WSCS at their general meeting on January 5. The WSCS put on the program "Set Apart for Me" and then served refreshments before the two groups separated for business meetings. The Guild also participated in a coffee at the parsonage honoring new members.

An interesting report has come from RAYNE on their study of the Nineteenth Annual Report which was made jointly with the WSCS in November, December, and January. Mrs. Jewell Manes, Promotion Secretary of the Guild, reports, "The time was well spent; and members now feel much better informed about WSCS and Guild work, the relationship and the scope of both."

ABBEVILLE GUILD also made a study of the Nineteenth Annual Report, but gave no details.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Dorothy Smith (Mrs. George R.), Secretary

This year the Lake Charles Guilds have concentrated more on the local units and have been working hard to improve their programs.

The district meeting was held in the DeQuincy Methodist Church on Sunday, January 24. Due to sickness and weather conditions the meeting was not well attended. Of the fifteen Guilds in this district six were represented. Those Guilds attending were: DeRIDDER, MAYE YOUNGBLOOD and SUSIE JONES; LEESVILLE; WELSH; LAKE CHARLES First Church, JULIA REID and the host Church. The program was presented by members of the DeQUINCY GUILD.

The units and the number of studies thus far completed according to records are:

Leesville 1, Maplewood 1, Julia Reid 2, Vinton 1, Welsh 1, Gueydan 1, Maye Youngblood 1, Susie Jones 1, DeQuincy 2, Vera See 1, Lake Arthur 1, University, L. C. 1, Jennings 1, Simpson 0, Westlake 0.

As the year is drawing rapidly to a close we are working hard to complete at least one more study per unit. More interest is being shown in the total Guild program.

Although we have been working hard to improve the Guild program in the local units, there is a drawing together of all units in the District. We no longer feel like separate units working all alone, but as one large body in Christ moving ever forward.

As my term of office draws to a close, I want to thank all the Guilders in the Lake Charles district for the opportunity I have

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## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

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had during the past two years as their District Secretary. I realize that in many instances I have not fulfilled my obligations and for that I am deeply sorry. I will always remember the many friends I have made during this time. In the next two years I will be glad to be of assistance to each and everyone of you although I will not be serving as your secretary. I know that each of you will be as cooperative with the new secretary, whomever she may be, as you have been with me.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Fanny Thompson, (Mrs. J. B.), District Secretary

"ACTION IN THE 60'S THROUGH PRAYER" was the theme chosen for the Monroe District Spring Meeting by an inspired group, composed of the Executive Committee and other Guilders, who met in Rayville on February 14th. The date—APRIL 24th, was chosen for this annual meeting, which will be held this year in Mer Rouge. The hostess Guild requested that registrations be made by April 15th. Again this year we are setting our goal at 100% representation of the 15 Guilds. We achieved this goal last year.

Marianna Johnson, District Spiritual Life Chairman, announced a Retreat to be held at Camp Alabama on the weekend of April 2-3. Camp Alabama (between Choudrant and Downs ville) is a beautiful Camp site owned by the Presbyterian Church and available to our use. Under its tall pines and beside the beautiful lake one can truly retreat into periods of worship and meditation.

Our Guilds are studying! Nine studies were completed this past quarter. Many reported excellent Outgrowths of Study.

GUILD MONTH was observed throughout the district. Outstanding among these reports were: SOUTHSIDE—Monroe—held a tea in the parsonage from 2 'til 4, honoring all the Guild members of the Twin Cities, and the Choirs of Southside Church; MEMORIAL—Monroe—set aside a Sunday in January in observance. From their Church bulletin we read:

"IN METHODISM THERE IS A PLACE OF SERVICE for every member who would serve our Lord, and those for whom He died. The Wesleyan Service Guild provides just such an opportunity for the gainfully employed woman. This is Guild Sunday, whereupon we seek the blessing and guidance of God upon the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild."

TALLULAH sent the editor the following:

"As an outgrowth of our study on North American Neighbors we collected discarded eye glasses for "New Eyes for the Needy" through the church and later used the collection as a community project with a depository at a local drug store. We sent about 75 glasses and some old jewelry, receiving acknowledgement from headquarters in Short Hills, New Jersey.

In observance of Guild Month we sat in a body at the worship service Sunday morning, January 17. That afternoon the Guild entertained the three circles of the WSCS in the fellowship hall of the church. The Africa theme, as suggested in the program book, was used. Decorations were arrangements of palm leaves, sweet potatoes, bananas, oranges, yellow squash, coconuts and peanuts. Coconut baskets filled with vines hung from the ceiling. A beautiful worship setting emphasizing African missions and made by a member of the senior circle added to the effectiveness.

After the meditation from the worship booklet we all joined in singing, "Kum Ba Yah" and the story of the redemption of an African woman through a Christian mission was told. We then played a recording, of Christian Hymns, "Ambassador's Quartet" made by Christian natives of Rhodesia, and an African Folk Tale, "Two Villages" was read.

At the sound of the "call drum" each person was told to greet others of different circles with the African greeting, Losako to be responded to with a proverb which had been given out with name cards as the guests had entered. The response to this little game was enthusiastic and the fellowship was fine. The call drum invited the group for refreshments at a prettily decorated table. There was an attendance of 50.

We are now participating in the Luke study taught by the pastor. Had United Nations study in the fall.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Lane Read"

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

CARROLLTON (Vi Jackson, Reporter): Guild Month was observed at Carrollton with much publicity, in the bulletins, greeters at the door for each service, the singing of the Guild Hymn, fill-

ing out prospective membership cards, and with presentation of a guest book to the Church.

They are still talking "Turkey" and wondering how they will get by without a reducing salon, having recently been guests at two turkey dinners with all trimmings; one given by Mrs. John Doell to the Guild, and the other by President, Lillian Gaines, for the Council meeting. They cannot tell whether they eat and plan, or plan to eat, but it has been very fulfilling.

FIRST (Elizabeth Beard, President): In observance of Guild Month, the last Sunday in January was set aside for a special church service for the Guild. One of the Guilders, Janet Pointer, who is also a member of the choir, sang the Guild Hymn at this service. The Woman's Society of Christian Service prepared and served supper for January meeting of the Guild.

GENTILLY (Lillian Carlin, President): Because of illness and other matters, Gentilly was unable to observe Guild Month in January. Instead, their February meeting was set aside for this observance. A joint meeting of the Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held with Mrs. A. G. Sobral, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as leader, using the study of the Church's Mission in Town and Country, as her program topic. Refreshments of punch, cookies, and snacks were served.

GRETN (Beverly Biehler, President): Guild Month was recognized in the Church, with the Guild Hymn used as the theme song for the month of January. On the last Sunday in January, the choir used the Guild Hymn as their anthem at the church service. A successful study, The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs, was completed and JR Credit was received.

METAIRIE (Lynn Foil, President): Members of Metairie Guild have just completed a successful study on Africa, taught by Marilyn Shaw, for which they hope to receive JR Credit. They are planning having a study on The Gospel of Luke to be taught by Mrs. Eskell Tatum.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER (Mary Taylor, President): Members of the Guild participated in the church wide study, Medical Missions Around the World, held at St. Mark's Methodist Church for six Sundays. On February 7, they prepared and served the supper for the occasion.

RAYNE MEMORIAL (Lucile Wells, President): In observance of Guild Month, one of the church services in January was set aside for the Guild, sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The members are planning on joining with First Methodist Guild for the study on The Gospel of Luke beginning on March 14.

ST. MATTHEW'S (Louise Baldrige, President): Two very successful meetings were held, with a view to increasing their membership; one at the home of Mrs. Ralph "Skip" Brown on February 1, and the other on February 23, at the home of Mrs. Robert Smith, with five new members present. They are looking forward to an interesting meeting at the Church during the month of March.

SECOND (Mildred Evans, Reporter): Due to illness Second Church Guild was unable to properly observe Guild Month in January and had to forego their annual Christmas party. However, they did manage to have a belated Christmas party at their January meeting held at the home of Mrs. A. J. Haas. Each member and guest was given a delicious box of home made candy. The members are planning a study on the Gospel of Luke beginning Wednesday, March 9, with Mrs. W. J. Marks, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, as the teacher. They hope to be able to receive JR Credit for this study.

ST. LUKE'S (Gloria Flurry, President): The members of St. Luke's, at present, are unable to participate in a study for JR Credit, but they are planning a study of the Gospel of Luke, briefly, in two or three sessions, in conjunction with their meetings.

## DISTRICT NEWS

New Orleans District elected Mrs. DeEllo Simon, a member of MUNHOLLAND GUILD, as its Spiritual Life Chairman. DeEllo comes from a family who have been Methodist for four generations. Her husband is from a Methodist family and now her two daughters and their children are continuing in the Methodist faith. As a child she attended the Felicity Methodist Sunday School and Church. When First Methodist Church was built about 50 odd years ago, she joined there, and sang in the choir, worked in the Sunday School and Epworth League. For years she was an officer in the, then, famous Calendar Club, which did much in helping to pay off the debt of that church. She is now active as President of the Munholland Memorial Women's Bible Class, and Spiritual Life Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, a very live, happy group of career women.

Five members of the Elysian Fields Avenue Methodist Church

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## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

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met at the Church on February 9, with Mrs. Hazel Gallaher, District President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Margaret Manis, District Promotion Secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mrs. Margaret Winn, Promotion Secretary of Elysian Fields Avenue Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mildred Evans, District Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild, for the purpose of planning to organize a new Guild in the New Orleans District. Another meeting was held on February 16, at the home of Mrs. Margaret Lilley, who was elected President of the group, to make plans for a social to be held at the church on March 15. All of the business women of the church will be invited to the social, which is being sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Elysian Fields Avenue Church. The five members present at the two meetings were Margaret Lilley, Ruth Schleinigier, Fay Roberts, Patricia Whittington, Marjorie Medders.

A District Meeting is being planned for Friday, April 29, with Miss Letah Doyle, evangelistic missionary to India, as our guest speaker.

A Promotion Workshop is being planned for Wednesday, May 18, to be presented by the District Officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The New Orleans District extends its deep sympathy and prayers to Kathryn Wallace, President of Second Church Guild, who recently lost two loved ones. Her mother, Mrs. Ward C. Flanders, passed away on December 19, 1959, after a long and serious illness. Her husband, Wilbur W. "Bill" Wallace, passed away very suddenly on February 5, 1960. Mr. Wallace was active in the Boy Scouts and the Kiwanis' Club as well as in his local church, Second Methodist.

Lucile Wells, President of Rayne Memorial Guild, lost her mother, Mrs. E. E. Chastang on February 5. Lucile's mother was 103 years of age and a resident of Citronelle, Alabama, for 90 years.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Adele Nugent, (Mrs. Earl), District Secretary

Ruston District Guilds are enjoying another year of Christian fellowship, worship study and service. As reports come in from the Guilds, I know a great spirit is moving in the hearts and minds of employed women in our district. It is a wonderful experience to work with the Guilds.

Through prayer circles, prayer partners, reading circles and observance of special days we have grown spiritually.

Study courses are increasing and outgrowths have resulted in many fine activities. Some studies are in progress as this report goes in to Guild Times.

Guild Month was observed throughout the district by special programs, church services, fellowship suppers, teas and parties.

Our Pledge to Missions is being made, as well as our other Askings. The reports show that Guild members are also active in many local church activities. As a unit they participate in family night suppers, special church programs and many other church activities.

Plans are now being made for our Spring Meeting to be held in Jonesboro in April.

HAYNESVILLE GUILD—Mrs. Charles Anglin, Reporting

"We have been trying hard to secure new members for our Haynesville Guild. During January, in observance of Guild month, we sent out the following card to employed women in our church who should be in our Guild:

J—Just meets every second Monday—Come one, come all.  
A—All employed Methodist Women—Fellowship Hall.  
N—No regrets for coming—Sunshine or rain.  
U—Usually nothing to lose and maybe something to gain.  
A—Always welcomed, 7:00 o'clock the time.  
R—Red carpet out for new members . . .  
Y—You'll remember to come? That's fine!

## WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

We had announcements in the Church bulletin, and a Guild emblem patterned on large cardboard in color, in Church entrance for the observance."

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

Guild Month was observed by Quiet Breakfasts, joint meetings with the Woman's Societies and finally on the District level with a Fellowship Dinner, January 22, at First Methodist Church in Shreveport. Dinner was served to 88. Pastors, their wives and the presidents of various Woman's Societies of Christian Service were guests.

A lovely worship setting, "There's A Light Upon the Mountain," furnished the setting. Tables were decorated with ivy, white gladiolas, and pink camellias. White tapers in brass candlebra completed the setting.

The speaker, Miss Lillian Polk presented pictures of the Holy Land around which she wove the story of the life and ministry of Jesus.

## NEW GUILD ORGANIZED AT CURTIS PARK CHURCH

The District is happy to announce a new Guild at CURTIS PARK CHURCH in BOSSIER CITY. An organization meeting was held in the Church parlor on February 16th. Arline Tyler and the District chairman presented the program and purpose of the Guild. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. DeWitt Clements; Vice President, Mrs. Heister Roth; Recording Secretary and Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. Archie Carney; Treasurer, Mrs. James Fuller; Co-ordinator, Mrs. Joe Irvin; Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. Wesley Jennings; Missionary Education Chairman, Mrs. L. O. Spackman; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. George Williams; Chairman Local Church Activities, Mrs. J. K. McAllister.

The Unit has ten members and will meet the third Tuesday of each month at Curtis Park.

All Units in the District helped the Publicity Chairman for the Annual Spring Meeting by sending out one or more pieces of original publicity in connection with the meeting. These went out to all Units in the Conference.

MANGUM—Unit 1 is working on a project for shut-ins through their Spiritual Life Committee.

HAUGHTON—Made a cash gift to the Church for the organ.

NOEL—Reports a committee on investigation of objectionable reading matter being sold on the newsstands.

## BROADMOOR METHODIST CHURCH—Shreveport

The Pastor's Message, on the front of the Church Bulletin for January 24th, carried the following: "The month of January has been designated as a time to honor the Wesleyan Service Guild. We are happy to pay tribute to this segment of our church. The Wesleyan Service Guild was founded in 1921 in the former Methodist Episcopal Church and came into The Methodist Church with unification in 1939 and is composed of the employed women of the church.

. . . We have a very active Guild here at Broadmoor composed of choice and faithful members of our church. Mrs. H. W. Reily is their President. We salute them today. (Rev. James T. Harris)

## ZWOLLE GUILD—Mrs. R. L. McCormic, Reporting

GUILD MONTH was observed at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening, January 17, with a special program—prior to which the pastor, Rev. Wm. T. Hall, Jr., gave a short talk on the Wesleyan Service Guild. Taking part on the program were Mrs. W. E. Crutchfield, Jr., Mrs. W. W. Holmes, Mrs. Garrett Walsh, Mrs. William T. Hall, Jr., Mrs. Randell Parrott, Mrs. Carl Willis, Mrs. John Patton, Mrs. E. C. Leone Jr., and Mrs. R. L. McComic.

THE PRAYER VIGILS conducted throughout the Conference in behalf of the success of the meetings in Shreveport were reported well observed by Miss Arline Tyler. Groups within every District spoke of small gatherings here and there, at mid-day or in the mid-night hour, and of special meditations being prepared. The results of these vigils were discernable within the spirit of the Annual Spring meeting.

The July issue of GUILD TIMES will carry snap shots of the Spring Meeting in Shreveport and an outline of the Camp Brewer Weekend program. We want to thank Elizabeth Lowery and Dorothy Dunbar for their flash bulb snapshots taken during the sessions.

Miss Grace Lawson of Welsh, has been appointed to the office of Chairman of Literature and Publications by Miss Batton. She will assist the newly elected Secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service—Mrs. Warren Orr of New Orleans.

## NEWS FROM DR. VELA CLEVELAND



I have been to Kolar twice since writing to you. First, I went to get the car which Esther had had since conference time. She had had several repair jobs done on it in Babgalore. The second weekend in Kolar was for several good reasons. First, it was Hospital Day Sunday. Second Sunday in February throughout our church in India is Hospital Day. Each church that day emphasizes our medical projects and the offerings that day go for their support. Mr. Nilajagi was to preach the morning service in the Kolar church so the Nilajagis went with me. Also, it was Sarojini's birthday (the Nilajagi's daughter who is a midwifery student in Kolar) so it was good for the Nilajagis to go for that as well. Betty Benson, with whom I'm living, had never been to Kolar although she's been trying to find a weekend to go with me all winter. So this was a good one for her to go too. And then, just to give her a good time and new experience, we took Alice's little servant girl. She had never been out of Tumkur; she had never been in an automobile until just before Christmas when I took her to the post office one day. That day she was so excited she was hanging on the edge of her seat and her eyes were sparkling and her face beaming. Going to Kolar, Thahira didn't miss a thing. When I'd point out something to Alice to be sure that Thahira saw and understood, she would have already pointed it out to Alice to ask about. She was so excited about the weekend, she didn't sleep Friday night and stayed awake on the way until after we left Bangalore about noon. Suddenly she was asleep, but not for long. The stopping of the car awakened her—and, in India you are always slowing suddenly, or stopping, because of the pigs, the cows, the buffaloes, the sheep, the goats, the bicycles, the bullock carts, or just people on foot who are in the middle of the road and who move slowly out of the way, (or even cross over to the other side when you blow your horn.) Saturday night she didn't sleep for every time she lay down and closed her eyes she had the sensation of going forward which was so disconcerting she'd have to sit up or stand up. Esther had told Gillings, one of our ward aids who sleeps on our verandah, that Thahira was coming and could be her guest. I don't know who was more thrilled over the weekend, Gillings or Thahira. It was certainly a memorable event for Thahira.

Mr. Nilajagi preached in the Kolar church that Sunday morning. Various parts of the program were taken by various members of our hospital staff. They were the ushers also. A solo was sung by Devapriah, our young "butler" of whom I've told you before. He was accompanied by various instruments such as drums, harmonium, violin, cymbals, etc. In 7 of the villages around Kolar other groups went by car, by bus, by ambulance, etc., to present the day's service in that church group. Alice and Sarojini (and Thahira with them—her first Christian service to attend) went with a group to two of these villages where Alice spoke to them.

This is the harvesting season when all the crops are cut and then are threshed and winnowed. When you see the Biblical pictures of Ruth gleaning in the fields of Boaz where the grain is being cut by hand, and where in the distance you see the animals going 'round and 'round on the threshing floor breaking down the stalks and treading the grain out of the ears and heads, and where you see another group of people pouring the grain down from a high place for the wind to blow out the dust and chaff—well, that is exactly a picture of what has been going on here now for the past two months. A section of the field is flattened and smoothed down. This "floor" is smeared over with cow dung to give a smooth firm surface. Every evening as the day's work is over this is wet down and smoothed (maybe more dung is added) and made ready for the next day's work. Two bullocks pull a huge granite roller, about a yard in diameter, in circles around the "floor" which has been spread with the cut grain stalks. These stalks and straw are later picked up and stacked to one side (for future use) and the grain is swept up. We have a heavy wind at this season much of the time. So, when a round flat basket is filled with the threshed grain and it is poured slowly from about head height into a container on the floor, one can see a cloud of dust and chaff being blown free from the grain. It has been quite interesting to watch from time to time. (There has been a threshing floor just over the compound wall behind our bungalow. I have been able to watch the proceedings for a few minutes at various times each day from the flat roof just outside my bathroom.)

Being the harvesting season it is a slack season for the hospital. Everyone is too busy to bother to bring the sick to the hospi-

tal unless it is a great emergency. As I took a tour through the hospital, last weekend, it was not too full or crowded—except the maternity unit and new-born nursery which is always full. I went through our two new buildings which we hope will be ready for furnishing by the end of March—at least the maternity unit and the downstairs of the new staff quarters. Buildings go up so fast there at home I know you'll wonder why it should take over two years to build a one story, not too large building! Finally enough iron has become available to complete the roof of the maternity building. A larger contracting firm has been building the Staff Quarters so that materials have been more easily attainable and this building we hope will be ready in a total of about 15 months. We have a lot of plans for some remodeling and shifting of wards about when these two buildings are ready and we can move into them—but these I'll let you in on as they become a bit more concrete and possible to carry out.

And so, as I go back to Kanarese with its relative participles and participial nouns (which I don't like), and Until next month,

Blessings on thee all,  
Vela Cleveland

## MEET YOUR EDITOR FOR 1960-1962

She is none other than the same one, re-appointed by your Conference Secretary and approved by your Standing Committee. Because so many of you have made me feel that Guild Times is of value to you and your Guild, and because I find happiness in serving the Guilds of our dear Louisiana Conference in this capacity, I have accepted the appointment for another two years. This means that for two more years you will hear my plea for more subscriptions—for Guild news and happenings throughout the Conference—for the same fine cooperation from the District Secretaries and Chairman of Lines of Work.

Were it not for the wonderful cooperation I get from the printers who hand me the finished copy, I'm sure the job would not be quite as pleasant. I hope they won't cut my copy at this point, because I want to publicly thank them for their wonderful help, especially with this issue when I have handed copy to them in piece-meal fashion. If something is omitted, or misplaced, it will surely not be their fault, but mine.

At Conference I reported that I reached a total of 630 subscriptions for this year. The last three came from our new Guild at Jackson, Baton Rouge District. In order that we may put GUILD TIMES on a self-supporting basis, I am asking for 750 subscriptions for 1960-61. As you organize for the new year, name a GUILD TIMES Chairman, or use your Chairman of Literature and Publications. When you secure your subscriptions for WORLD OUT-LOOK and METHODIST WOMAN, be sure to boost GUILD TIMES. The subscription price of \$1.00 per year covers 4 editions: September—December—March—July.

The blue binders I had printed in which to file your GUILD TIMES were sold out at the Spring Conference, but I have already ordered another 100 copies. If mailed out in single orders they will be 50c. If you order in quantity lots I can mail them to you for 40c plus postage. Money should accompany the orders. Each Guild should keep a file and these binders will prove very useful.

District Secretaries will be promoting GUILD TIMES subscriptions at their District spring meetings. Take the news back to your local units. Remember—always—the purposes of this publication. Read them again in the block given below.

... And remember, too, that the challenge to know the Changeless Christ in a Changing World can be partly realized within the pages of Guild Times. God bless you. As Easter draws near we are reminded that "The spirit of Christ living in us is the best testimony to the risen Christ".

ELIZABETH LANGFORD  
GUILD TIMES EDITOR

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## Camp Brewer Weekend—July 16-17



Mrs. H. Austin (Agnes) Miller, Monroe Conference Chairman of Missionary Education & Service.

NEWLY  
ELECTED  
CONFERENCE  
CHAIRMAN OF  
MISSIONARY  
EDUCATION

The new Conference Chairman of Missionary Education is Agnes Miller, a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild Unit I of First Church, Monroe. Agnes is a charter member of the Guild, coming to it in 1939 as a member of a night circle in the Woman's Missionary Society.

She has served her Guild as President, Vice-president, and Chairman of Missionary Education. During her time as District Chairman of Missionary Education for the Monroe District she conducted a Mission Tour to Aldersgate Camp in Little Rock and actively engaged in Coaching Conferences and programs on the district level. In the Church School Agnes is teacher of the Julia Wossman Class, whose membership of women totals more than eighty members.

Agnes holds an AB degree from Southern Methodist University, and an MED from the University of Maryland. She is a teacher in the fifth grade in the Monroe City Schools. She has been active in teacher organizations, especially in Classroom Teacher work and in Elementary Science. This summer she is serving as a member of a special team sent out by the State Department of Education to hold science workshops in all the state colleges.

The Miller family consists of three members, Agnes and her husband and son, both named Austin. They reside at 311 Lakeside Drive, Monroe.

### SUPPLY WORK

Margaret McGowan, Conference Chairman

Our Supply Askings for the 1960-61 period are:

Home, Epworth Village, at York, Nebraska; Home, Dulac Community Center, Dulac, La.; Foreign, India, Lucknow Conference.

Each District Secretary has been supplied with her total Askings. Any questions can be answered at Camp Brewer. I appreciate the wonderful cooperation I have had as your Chairman of Supply Work for the Conference. I now ask each of you to put your shoulder to the wheel and help our new Supply Work Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Guthrie of Bastrop, so that we may go forward in God's work, sharing "what we have" with those who need it, under the wise supervision of our Division of Missions.

THEME: "THY WORD, OUR LAW"

Guest Missionary will be Miss Ann Ruth Jones, Fort Worth, Texas, who is presently doing recruitment work in the Texas Conference, was a U. S. 2. She served in Lodga, in the Belgian Congo.

The Sunday platform speaker will be Mrs. J. E. Manis of New Orleans. Mrs. Manis is Promotion Secretary of the New Orleans District. She was vice president of United Church Women and is active in Wesley Foundation work at Tulane.

Under the able leadership of Miss Sue Batton, who is in her third year as your Conference Secretary, our FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND will officially open on Saturday morning, July 16th.

Miss Margaret McGowan, out-going Conference Chairman of Supply Work, is Program Chairman and she very happily announces that plans are going forward for a wonderful weekend.

The program will feature WORKSHOPS on every phase of Guild work with outstanding leaders conducting each workshop. Officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service very graciously accepted the invitation to guide us in these workshops:

PRESIDENTS, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Shreveport; VICE PRESIDENTS, Mrs. H. V. Dunford, Winnfield; SECRETARIES, Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, New Orleans; TREASURERS, Mrs. J. H. McSween, Alexandria; LITERATURE & PUBLICATIONS, Mrs. Alice Orr, New Orleans; SECRETARIES OF PROMOTION, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Shreveport; SPIRITUAL LIFE CHAIRMEN, Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport; MISSIONARY EDUCATION CHAIRMEN, Mrs. Agnes Miller, Mrs. Ruby Phillips and Mrs. Wideman Watson; CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS CHAIRMEN, Mrs. Ruth Cowell, Pineville; SUPPLY WORK CHAIRMEN, Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, and Miss Margaret McGowan.

These leaders ask that you come prepared to ask questions in the WORKSHOP you attend. It might be helpful to bring questions in writing.

Reverend G. W. Dameron, Pineville, will conduct the Communion Service Sunday morning.

The four selected JR STUDIES for 1960-61 will be presented Saturday evening & Sunday morning.

You may arrive on Friday evening if you wish. If you do, bring your own "supper snacks" as the program does not begin until Rising Bell (6:00 o'clock) Saturday morning. The Conference Executive Committee will meet on Friday evening.

The pre-registration fee of \$1.00 must be paid by all who attend. The total cost of the Weekend is \$6.00.

THE REGISTRAR FOR GUILD WEEKEND IS: MISS LILLIAN GAINES, 4318 GENERAL PERSHING ST., NEW ORLEANS, LA.

We suggest that you bring (with your camping accessories) your camera, bathing suit, and electric fan. If you have an extra large fan that you would like to lend for tabernacle use, it can be made very useful if placed—with other fans—at advantage points. Long extension cords would also be helpful.

CONFERENCE GOAL: To have EVERY GUILD in the Conference represented with a delegate. This means that District Secretaries must contact every Guild President and urge attendance. Car pools can be formed with the smaller Guilds.

Camp Brewer is the Conference Camp site, located just south of Alexandria on the Lake Charles Highway No. 165. Forest Hill, Louisiana is the Post Office nearest Camp Brewer.

Select your delegates and mail your reservation (with \$1.00) to Lillian Gaines. The cottages will be assigned as reservations arrive.

Let us pray together for a great weekend . . . that we may feel the presence of The Master Teacher as we instruct, and are instructed, in the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the Louisiana Conference.



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

It is always a pleasure to come into your home through Guild Times for a few brief moments.

Guild work, as you know, is still going forward. Why? That isn't hard to answer—because we have a deeper concern for the work, not only at home, but around the World. How can I prove this? That's simple too. By our many consecrated Guild members. Look at the new Guild Units we have organized in Louisiana Conference. The number of new members—more study courses than ever, and, no, that isn't all—by our increase in giving to Missions. One thing we are falling short on, is Recruitment. We must keep our Mission work before our young people, and let them know of the great need and acquaint them with Church Vocations.

This letter is going to be somewhat different, for I am going to use it as a "thanky note" also. Since Conference Spring Meeting in Shreveport in March, I have received many, many letters and cards, not only from individuals, but from Guild Units, expressing deep appreciation, love, etc. Guild work has become very heavy with many meetings; therefore making it almost impossible for me to give personal attention to each one of them. But I do want to express to you, through this letter, my deep appreciation for the kind words and warm friendship, and say a BIG THANK YOU, and may God continue to bless you.

We are indeed indebted to the person who made it possible at our Spring Conference to burn the candle five minutes, by contributing \$96.00. Also to our Conference Spiritual Life Chairman, Miss Arline Tyler, for the beautiful service "To Love, To Lift, To Light" while the candle was burning. This money goes to Missions around the World, and was a "high-light" of our Conference.

Also "hats-off" to Mrs. George W. Pomeroy (Lillie Mae) for the very impressive "Candle Light Pledge Service" she wrote and made possible for us to use, and Mrs. McSween for arranging it for our Guild Pledge Service. Mrs. McSween was unable to stay for the meeting, but your Conference Secretary filled her place and carried out the service with the very able assistance of our Conference WSCS President, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, who LIT THE CANDLE, at the proper time, and assisted me in other parts of the service, and had the closing prayer. The Centenary Choral Group also assisted in this service with Coral responses, and thanks to them.

Mrs. Warren Orr from New Orleans, who is WSCS Literature & Publications Chairman was elected to our Standing Committee, and we will be seeing a lot of her at our meetings, I hope. Our own Grace Lawson was elected as a co-opt member, of this committee, without status, to assist the Chairman. Guild work is not new to Grace, as she was the third Conference Guild Secretary, and made a wonderful contribution.

## A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER:

All Guild members can attend the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, without regard to status.

Only lines of work in the Conference pattern can attend the Jurisdiction School of Missions. They are: Agnes Miller, Missionary Education. Ruth Cowell Conference Christian Social Relations, Arline Tyler, Conference Spiritual Life, and your conference secretary, Sue Batton. If the Conference Chairman cannot attend, then a District Guild Chairman in the same line of work, can attend in her place.

Please mark on your calendar the dates for Camp Brewer Guild Weekend, July 16, 17. Great plans have been made for Workshops.

As we enter into our 1960-1964 Quadrennium we will have many changes. You will also hear about them at Camp Brewer Weekend. We will have new report books, new Handbooks. Please keep in close touch with "Methodist Woman" for she is an important woman and will give you all of the answers; your Conference Secretary will also keep you posted as they come in.

Congratulations to all of the New Units this year, for we are proud of each one of you, and let us share your problems with you, if you have any, and we ALL do.

Please keep in mind the CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS beginning August 15, 1960, at Centenary College. We will have a Guild Clinic set-up and ready for you. You will also have more publicity about this at Guild Weekend, Camp Brewer.

With deep appreciation to each of you, I am

Devotedly,

Sue Batton, Conference Secretary



Mrs. Tom D. (Ruth Guthrie), Bastrop New District Secretary—Monroe District.

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CHAIRMAN OF  
SUPPLY WORK

Your new Chairman of Supply Work for the Louisiana Conference is well known to you, as she has served Guilds of Louisiana in many ways for more than 15 years. Ruth is a member of First Methodist Church of Bastrop. She has served her church long and faithfully, having taught the third year Junior Class for 14 years. She joined the Bastrop Guild in 1943 and has held several offices on the local level. She was present and assisted in organizing the Monroe District, and, after serving the district on several committees, she was elected District Secretary and held that office for 5 years. She has attended Camp Brewer Weekend for ten summers, and has only missed 4 of our Spring Conferences. Ruth has been to several Jurisdictional Weekends at Mt. Sequoyah, and was fortunate in having the opportunity to attend the National Assembly in Milwaukee in 1954. With such past experiences to her advantage, and a thorough knowledge of Guild Work on all levels, we look forward to the leadership she will contribute to Louisiana Guildom.

Ruth's artistic ability has been in evidence at many of our meetings. Her posters, worship settings and original program planning reveal both ability and a great love for Guild work. The Conference will continue to grow in its contribution to Supply Work as Ruth directs us in the months ahead.

Ruth's family consists of her husband who is in the grocery business, two sons, Thomas, Jr., and Jerry, who have given her two lovely daughters-in-law and three grandchildren. Thomas, Jr. is teaching General Engineering at Louisiana Tech—Ruston, while his wife "Boots" works in a flower and gift shop. Jerry is a draftsman for Kaplan Iron Machine Works in Monroe and wife Jane is with the Central Savings Bank. Both Jane and Boots are members of Wesleyan Service Guilds.

## JURISDICTIONAL GUILD WEEKEND AT MT. SEQUOYAH, JUNE 10-11-12

Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guilds will be well represented on the Mountain when the South Central Jurisdiction meets. At the time of your editor's writing our quota of 24 from Louisiana has been filled, according to news from Sue Batton, Conference Secretary who, of course, heads the Louisiana delegation. Our two elected delegates are Miss Elizabeth Lowery of Mansfield and Miss Maree White of Opelousas. Others known to be going are: Mrs. Hattie Childs (Opelousas), Mrs. Bee Sandefur (Bunkie), Mrs. Emma Mainous (Baton Rouge), Mrs. T. H. King (Baton Rouge), Miss Doris Howes (Ponchatoula), Miss Mildred Kee (Shreveport), Mrs. Sybil Hale (Logansport), Miss Arline Tyler (Shreveport), Mrs. Ruth Cowell (Pineville), Miss Ruby Craton (Minden), Miss Annie Hoover, Miss Marie Pace (Alexandria), Miss Dorothy Dunbar (Opelousas), Miss Marilynn Carter (New Iberia), Mrs. E. E. Sheppard (Mansfield), Mrs. Adele Nugent (Ruston), Mrs. Joyce Rogers (Winnfield), Mrs. Minza Rabun (Bastrop), Miss Marie Larence (Bastrop), Miss Sybil Kelly (Shreveport) and your editor (Monroe).

Those who will remain for the School of Missions besides your Conference Secretary, will be Miss Arline Tyler—Spiritual Life Conference Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Cowell—Christian Social

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## JURISDICTIONAL GUILD WEEKEND

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Relations Chairman, Miss Ruby Craton, alternate for Mrs. Agnes Miller, Chairman of Missions, and your editor.

And what will I be doing? I have been invited by Mrs. E. L. Reid, JR Secretary of Missionary Education, to be editor of "Mountain Minutes", the daily news bulletin published during the School of Missions. Heresay tells me that it will be quite a task, but with the Louisiana delegation standing by to help, I am confident we will not disappoint those in authority and it will be a joy to be of service to those "on the mountain". (Your Editor)

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Arline Tyler, Conference Chairman

When you read this, it will be a New Year's Greeting—a new year in the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild. To you, who are newly elected chairmen and those continuing as chairmen, may it be a year in which thy love for God is revealed in prayer and work and stewardship; and by thy spirit may the spiritual life be quickened, prayer life deepened, and sense of responsibility for personal service and giving be increased of all the members of your Unit.

Now is the time for revaluation and inventory! Check your materials. Be sure you have the HANDBOOKS—Spiritual Life and Guild, THE PRAYER CALENDAR, THE SPIRITUAL LIFE PACKET, and THE METHODIST WOMAN. These, with your Bible, form the foundation of your work. The Supplementary material available from Literature Headquarters, Tidings, Warner Press, Methodist Headquarters (Lay, Evangelistic, etc.) are limitless. Use it wisely! There is danger of getting "bogged down" with literature.

In your evaluation do not hesitate to continue to use those tried and effective activities—but dare to project new ventures in spiritual development. Here are some 1, 2, 3's for your consideration:

1. Be sure to have a committee. This is not a one person responsibility or opportunity.
2. Study your Worship Booklet and Program Booklet before your program committee meets. This will result in more intelligent planning will be the result.
3. With your committee plan a calendar for the year. This will be a month by month emphasis and little "Extras" and definite plan for using the Prayer Calendar—little things that become such big opportunities when multiplied by every member participation. Consult your Calendar from THE METHODIST WOMAN in planning this.

There will be a Clinic at Camp Brewer this summer. Have your contributions and questions ready for this time—to share and to question. See how many of you local chairmen can get to this Clinic. It is our only opportunity for sharing and planning together on a conference basis. Let's make it count. It can be most meaningful if all cooperate. Will you?

"O God, who givest us so much, help us to love Thee more than we love Thy bounties. Show us how to us all that we have and are as good stewards in Thy church and in Thy kingdom. We ask this in Jesus' name". AMEN.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Ruth B. Cowell, (Mrs. E. T.), Conference Chairman

'Isn't it wonderful that Elizabeth is to edit the "Mountain Minutes News" at Sequoyah this year? It's bound to be a fine paper!

I had a wonderful time at the Lafayette District Meeting at Rayne last Sunday, May 15th. I'm sure they'll write it up, so I won't go into detail. But I do want to say, that for a district with so few Guilds (5) they had a wonderful attendance. They were stressing Christian Social Relations, so I was right in my element, as principle speaker.

We are almost into the new Conference year and I trust you are planning many interesting things to do. Let us try for more members and to get our old members back—interesting programs will help.

Our study, CSR, that is, will be on "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility." There is so much material around that we should begin to collect it now, that our study may be interesting and timely.

Have you selected your Local Church Activities Chairman, yet? Please be sure that you have one for the new year and the new quadrennium. And help her do her job . . . not getting her work

mixed up with Christian Social Relations Chairman's work. Each has a full time job that needs attention.

We will have new hand books and activities leaflets right soon now, for 1960-64. Let's order them and study them, that we may start in early to set our goals and plan our work.

I'll be looking forward to seeing all the CSR chairmen and secretaries at Camp Brewer, July 15, 16 and 17. All lines of work should have much to offer. But in the meantime, do study your Methodist Woman and World Outlook. Your Methodist Woman will tell you when and where you may order your new handbooks—get them early and study them late!

May God continue to bless and guide you into a larger realm of service."

Ruth B. Cowell

## HOW CAN WE SAY "THANK YOU"?

It is never easy to say "thank you" to our out-going officers, as they step aside and give places of leadership to those who are elected to follow. In these pages we introduce four new members of the Conference Executive Committee:

Mrs. H. Austin (Agnes) Miller, Monroe, succeeds Mrs. Ruby Phillips of Plain Dealing as Chairman of Missionary Education. "Ruby" has been a great inspiration to Louisiana Guilders for these four years. She has greatly increased our record in JR STUDIES and our knowledge of Missions. Thank you, Ruby!

Mrs. Tom D. (Ruth) Guthrie, Bastrop, succeeds Miss Margaret McGowan of New Orleans as Chairman of Supply Work. Margaret has gone "over the top" each year in securing our "Askings" for Supply Work. It is easy to see that Margaret is dedicated to her Guild work and we say "thank you, Margaret" for your contribution to Louisiana Guildom.

We have introduced two new District Secretaries who will take up their work officially at Camp Brewer.

Mrs. J. B. (Fannie) Thompson, Rayville (Monroe District) and Mrs. George (Dorothy) Smith, DeQuincy (Lake Charles District), bow out as District Secretaries, but because of their love for Guild work and their experience and knowledge their leadership will be evidenced in many phases of Guild activities in the years ahead. For what you have contributed and will continue to share with us we say "thank you Fannie . . . thank you Dorothy".



BUNKIE'S GUILD—Study of Luke. The Widow—Mrs. Janice Richardsen; Anna—Mrs. John Lyles; Martha—Mrs. Nancy Jones; Mary—Mrs. Elizabeth Randol.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Bee Sandefur, (Mrs. Alvin), District Secretary

We, in the Alexandria District, are ending a successful year, so much has been accomplished and we are looking forward to a glorious new year of work for our Lord.

Our Spring Conference was not for the purpose of election, but rather for an evaluation of our aims and purposes. We had a "Stump the Panel" question and answer session with our District Chairmen as panelists and Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations—Mrs. Ruth Cowell, acting as moderator. A short memorial service was given for Lima Cook of Oakdale.

Misses Sandra Goodell and Donna Tebow, from Bunkie, sang a beautiful duet. Our speaker was Mrs. W. Tebow, who brought the highlights of the St. Louis meeting to us. She urged us to increase our pledge to missions, that students who would like to enter colleges to become Christian workers in their countries

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## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

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could have the opportunity. TRINITY Guild, in Alexandria, and the PINEVILLE Guild were hostesses.

BUNKIE reported that TRINITY and PINEVILLE Guilds had shared the study of "Luke" with them.

MONTGOMERY'S president is off to England, a trip she has planned for some time. Our love and good wishes go with her.

This district secretary was happy to be able to go to Winnfield for the W. S. C. S. District Meeting. The WINNFIELD Guild has invited all the district officers to attend their installation service.

POLLOCK Guild helped serve lunch to Rev. Bob Tatum and members of the Deputation Team from Wesley Foundation at Northwestern College, Sunday, April 24th.

I am happy that I can go to Mt. Sequoyah Guild Weekend, but do not know at this writing who else will go from our district.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Emma P. Mainous, (Mrs. C. G.), District Secretary

In reading the reports of the units in the District, I found that they had all had a most interesting year. All had done so many interesting things. There was one unit that had done something different and I thought you would like to know about it.

A good name for it would be Conference on the Local level. That is what the Ingleside unit had. The program committee certainly went all out to make it real for those members who did not get to go.

The decorations, the printed programs, worship settings even the loot bags, every little detail, exactly like Conference. The same words, "Christ the same, Yesterday, Today, Always" must have been a real inspiration to this group. We can't all go to Conference but it looks like this group have the answer.

Three units in the District had special services for deceased members. First Church Baton Rouge placed a book in the Library in memory of Miss Lillian Kelly. Ponchatoula had a Memorial service for Mrs. Daisy O'Date McClellan and placed a gift to the church in her memory. North Baton Rouge unit had a Memorial service and gave a gift to the church in memory of Mrs. Pansy Tumey.

On May first the regular District meeting was held in Denham Springs, Miss Hattis Scivicque, President of this unit and her committees really went all out to make us welcome.

A highlight on the program was the Memorial service, conducted by Miss Lillian Kennedy. Red Carnations were placed in a vase on the altar, by members of the units to which the deceased members belonged, as Lillian dedicated them to the memory of: Mrs. Dan Tumey, North Baton Rouge, Mrs. Daisy O'Date McClellan, PONCHATOULA Guild, Miss Lillian Kelly, FIRST CHURCH Guild. The Guilds then took the flowers to families of the deceased members or to the Cemetery and one was used in the local Memorial service that was held after the District meeting.

District Officers were elected for the new year. They are: Mrs. Emma Mainous, District Secretary, Mrs. Maggie Wood, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dean Causey, Chairman of Christian Social Relations, Miss Sara Wadsworth, Chairman of Missionary Education, Mrs. Mary Lula Hutchinson, Supply Chairman and Mrs. Vesta Rownd, Spiritual Life Cultivation Chairman.

These officers were installed in a most impressive service by Mrs. T. L. James, the incoming District President of The Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Guild and assisted by R. O. Coopender, the outgoing President.

Mrs. Tennie Mae Turner the retiring Spiritual Life Chairman was presented with a Guild pin in recognition of her service to the Guild on the local and District level. The presentation was made by her local Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

The District is looking forward to a busy and interesting year as plans get under way to carry out the recommendations made by the Executive Committee. These include, A retreat, A Citizenship Brunch, A Tour to the Missions, two training sessions for officers, and a Chartered Bus to Conference in March.

The meeting was attended by 70 members representing the 14 units. A fellowship hour was enjoyed following the meeting.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Maree White, District Secretary

Lafayette District closed out a very good year with an excellent meeting in Rayne on Sunday afternoon, May 15. The RAYNE Guild members were wonderful hostesses and thought of every

detail to make the meeting pleasant and enjoyable.

The opening meditation was given by Mrs. R. M. Bentley, co-ordinator of the ABBEVILLE Guild. Mrs. Ruth Cowell, our Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations, gave the principle address from which we gained news, instruction, and inspiration in the line of work she heads.

Each Guild President submitted an excellent annual report. One was presented in a very unique manner, comparing the Guild year to a banquet. See elsewhere in GUILD TIMES for this report.

Reports were then heard from our district chairmen of Lines of Work: Dorothy Dunbar, Christian Social Relations; Marilyn Carter, Missionary Education; and Hermine Tate, Spiritual Life, the latter being given for her by Mrs. Katherine Thomas.

The district President, Mrs. Eloi Girard, and the district Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. Katherine Thomas, spoke briefly representing the WSCS.

The nominating committee, headed by Mrs. Joyce Prejean of Lafayette, made the following nominations:

District Secretary, Miss Maree White, Opelousas; Recording Secretary, Miss Faye Dalton, Lafayette; Chairman of Missionary Education, Miss Helen Sullivan, Lafayette; Chairman of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Jewell Manes, Rayne; Chairman of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Edna Wattigny, New Iberia.

These officers were duly elected and later installed by Miss Marilyn Carter, Conference Recording Secretary.

It was decided to repeat the district Quiet Time Apart that had been planned and carried out so beautifully last year by Miss Hermine Tate, district chairman of Spiritual Life. Everyone felt that the spiritual inspiration of that meeting had been a highlight of the Guild year.

ABBEVILLE Guild extended an invitation to have the fall meeting in their church.



Lafayette District Officers — Maree White, District Secretary (Opelousas); Miss Faye Dalton, Recording Secretary (Lafayette); Miss Helen Sullivan, Missionary Education (Lafayette); Mrs. Jewell Manes, Spiritual Life (Rayne); Mrs. Edna Wattigny, Christian Social Relations (New Iberia).

YOU MAY BRING YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR GUILD TIMES TO CAMP BREWER. BE SURE TO HAVE CORRECT ADDRESSES.

## 1959-60 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### OPELOUSAS GUILD

Our year was like unto a banquet all year 'round. From now on you might think in terms of a menu — a banquet menu, that is.

For appetizer — we assisted the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the reception for the minister in June.

Imagine Soup, sprinkled with minced parsley: Two members attended Guild Weekend, ten attended the fall meeting in New Iberia, seven attended the Quiet Time in Lafayette at the home of Mrs. Davidson, two attended School of Missions, and two attended the Ninth Annual Spring Conference in Shreveport.

A Salad, crisp and tangy: One baby membership and two Life Memberships were given.

For the Salt and Pepper that goes over all: We take our turn serving supper to the Men's Club and placing flowers in the Church.

To keep us informed and make Conversation, too: We use the METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, and GUILD TIMES.

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## 1959-60 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Copies of GUILD TIMES are sent to the pastor, to our co-ordinator, and to the President of the W S C S.

For the Vegetables that are so essential: Four study courses were taken, three for JR credit. The fourth, the church-wide study "The Church and Medical Missions" culminated into a joint meeting with the WSCS and the Men's Club for a Dutch treat dinner, fellowship, and program. We took this time to celebrate Guild Month and our fifteenth anniversary. Guild Month was emphasized through the church bulletin, the local newspaper, and through pamphlets concerning the work of the Guild which were distributed in various ways.

The Main Course: Spiritual Life. Daily prayer time and daily devotionals were emphasized. The use of devotional material was evident at most of the meetings. Worship settings were planned and used. The literature rack at the Opelousas General Hospital was supplied with booklets and pamphlets. We co-operated with the WSCS in the Week of Prayer program and with other Protestant churches in the World Day of Prayer.

Dessert was the meeting of our Supply askings with an added topping of whipped cream of giving an added extra to Sager Brown at Christmas instead of exchanging gifts among ourselves. As an outgrowth from our Africa study, contributions were made to two workers, Gerald Grabber, a youth worker in the Belgian Congo, and Dr. Lois Zimmermann at Ganta, Liberia.

For the after-dinner cup of Coffee: We sponsored our annual Christmas party for the wee folks; there was a Santa Claus complete with favors for the youngsters. The adults had fellowship and enjoyed the get-together.

The little Mint needed to complete the bill of fare: We worked with other churches in the UNICEF drive to net \$155 for this worthy cause.

God grant that the beauty of the candle used at this banquet may help make known the LIGHT OF THE WORLD—JESUS CHRIST!

NOW IS THE TIME TO SUBSCRIBE TO GUILD TIMES. \$1.00 for 1960-61 PAYS FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTION.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Dorothy Smith (Mrs. George R.), Secretary

On Sunday, May 15th, the Lake Charles District Guilds met at the First Methodist Church in Leesville. The following district officers were elected and installed:

Miss Grace Lawson (Welsh) District Secretary; Mrs. Eva Stocking (Welsh) Recording Secretary; Mrs. Rosa McCullough (DeRidder) Chairman, Spiritual Life; Mrs. E. H. Oakley (Lake Charles) Chairman, Missionary Education; Mrs. Vivian Smith (Jennings) Chairman, Christian Social Relations; Miss Laura Lynch (Leesville) Chairman, Supply Work.

A devotional on "More Stately Mansions" was presented by the outgoing district Secretary. Nine Guilds of the district were represented at the meeting.



MISS GRACE  
LAWSON—WELSH  
LAKE CHARLES  
DISTRICT SECRETARY

1960-62

Miss Grace Lawson, Welsh  
District Secretary — Lake  
Charles District.

The newly elected Secretary to the Lake Charles District needs no introduction to the Louisiana Guilders. Grace has served the Guilds of the Conference "some time, some where" continuously

since the beginning of Guildom in Louisiana and, if your editor is not in error, she has not missed a single session at Camp Brewer in our 13 years of Conference camping. To know Grace is to know that one of her dearest loves is her Guild, whether on the local, district, or conference level.

Although her "personal sketch" is a bit modest, and does not reveal the many contributions she makes as a dedicated Guildler and Church member, I'm giving it to you as she wrote it:

"The old timers don't need an introduction but here are the facts:

I'm a fifth grade teacher in the Welsh Elementary School. I have a B. A. Degree from the Rice University at Houston, Texas, and hope to have a Master of Education from L. S. U. at the end of summer school — 1960.

I am a member of the First Methodist Church in Welsh, Vice President (elect) of the local Guild unit and Financial Secretary of the church.

I served as Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild from 1943 to 1950. It was during my term of office that the Guilds were organized on the district level, and we held our first Conference Guild Week-end at Camp Brewer. Later I served as Conference Chairman of Missionary Education, when the lines of work were added to the Conference Guild Committee."

And that's it! You who plan to attend the Spring Meeting next March will see Grace in action; as the Lake Charles District will host the Conference. She says that Helen Preston Adams will head the local committee for the Spring Meeting, so the two should give us something to look forward to. In the meantime, we will watch Lake Charles District go forward with a great year in Guild work.

## WINNER OF \$150

## SCHOLARSHIP

## AWARD

## LEESVILLE GUILD



Janie Jones — Leesville  
Winner of \$150 Scholarship  
Award.

Mrs. Jessie Lea Alley presented the third annual Gertrude E. Daubs Memorial scholarship to Janie Jones at the Leesville High School graduation exercises, May 17. The \$150 scholarship is based on participation in Methodist work, and is given to a Methodist student in the upper fourth of the graduating class.

Janie, granddaughter of T. A. Hill who has taught Sunday School in the First Methodist Church for a number of years, and daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Jones who served as church secretary, has been active in M. Y. F., Sunday School and choir work. Other winners were Kay Gormley in 1958 and Rose Ann Alley in 1959.

The LEESVILLE Guild completed the third study course of the year in May.

The Lake Charles District Guild met with the Leesville Guild on May 15 and elected officers.

## SUSIE JONES GUILD, DeRidder

The SUSIE JONES Guild is ending a successful year under the leadership of Mrs. Ceola Callahan, our president.

This year we had rummage sales and from these proceeds we purchased material and made choir robes for 30 members of the Junior Choir.

Some of our members have children in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Departments and we helped make ice cream for them to sell whereby these departments enjoyed a lovely week end retreat at nearby Camp Inglewood during Christian Youth Week.

Throughout the year, in memory of lost ones among our members, we have donated hymnals and church library books from our Love Offering.

Our Guild and the MAYE YOUNGBLOOD Guild enjoyed a very inspiring study on Luke by Mrs. O. J. Hood, member of the

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## SUSIE JONES GUILD, DeRidder

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WCS. Our attendance for both Guilds was almost 100% and we received JR credit.

During February we had an open meeting and as our guest speaker we invited Mrs. Marguerite Mouton to discuss our 19th Annual Report.

As the result of our last rummage sale we were able to contribute to foreign missions \$50.00 to Elma Ashby for a scholarship for a student nurse and a donation to Kathleen Norris in Vellore, India.

One of our outstanding ceremonies highlighting our work this year was Mrs. Normand Terry's installation of the following officers for 1960-61:

Mrs. Frankie Roberts, President; Mrs. Marybelle Blankenbaker, Vice-President; Mrs. Juanita Schulz, Treasurer; Mrs. Katherine Frusha, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Secretary of Promotion; and Mrs. Marie Hooker, Coordinator.

Another impressive ceremony was our pledge service with Mrs. Rosa McCullough in charge.

Active members other than the above slate of officers are: Lou Bienvenu, Reine Bienvenu, Minerva Marshall, Catherine Parsons, Merle Perkins, Florence Young, Ceola Callahan, Eunice Lingo, Robbie Gehron and Shirley Mellor.

## SIMPSON GUILD

"The WESLEYAN SERVICE Guild of Simpson, Lake Charles gave a Fellowship for all employed women of the church on Sunday, June 12, 1960. Approximately forty-five church members who are employed, but are not members of our Guild were invited. We enjoyed a brief talk by Mrs. W. W. Paxton on the benefits that employed women can receive by belonging to the Wesleyan Service Guild.

We were entertained by Guild members acting out comedy skits on office work and on the problems of a high school teacher. A buffet supper was enjoyed by all.

All prospective members were asked to sign cards indicating the most convenient night for them to participate in a new Guild which we hope to organize.

We were delighted with the response and hope to greatly improve the Wesleyan Service Guild work in our church.

We are looking forward to seeing many of our Guild friends from over the state at Guild Week End.

The members of our Guild appreciate very much the wonderful Guild Times."

Betty Allen, President

## MONROE DISTRICT

Fanny Thompson, (Mrs. J. B.), District Secretary

Monroe District held its annual conference in Mer Rouge April 24, 1960. Seventy-five members representing 12 of the 15 Guild Units registered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Blackwell, where the members of the hostess guild and Mrs. Blackwell graciously received the visitors, extending them a warm welcome. Following the registration, the members were welcomed at the morning service of the Mer Rouge Methodist Church by the pastor, Reverend L. G. Wilson.

Luncheon was served at the Louisiana Hotel in Bastrop. The afternoon session began immediately afterwards. The following officers were elected:

District Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. W. A. Cotton; 206 Gilbert, Monroe Memorial Church; District Secretary of C. S. R., Mrs. Irma Watson, 4004 Blanks, Monroe Memorial Church; District Secretary of Supply, Mrs. Minza Rabun, Jackson Street, Bastrop; Nominating Committee, Mrs. J. B. Thompson, Rayville, Miss Maxine Holt, Tallulah, Mrs. W. D. Baker, Lake Providence; Member at Large (W. S. C. S.), Mrs. Alice Walters, Winnsboro.

The Bastrop Guild presented a very informative skit on "Planning a Program".

Attention was attracted by posters made by each guild depicting the activities carried on during the year by local guilds. The posters received such wide approval that it was decided to take them to Camp Brewer to share with others of the state.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of an Honorary Life Membership to the outgoing secretary by Mrs. Minza Rabun.

Miss Marianna Johnson, Spiritual Life Chairman, conducted the closing worship.

TO MT. SEQUOYAH, Elizabeth Langford, Monroe; Marie Larance, Bastrop; Minza Rabun, Bastrop.

In closing my tenure of office as District Secretary, I commend

the Guild Units of Monroe District for their cooperation in reporting and their enthusiastic attendance at district meetings. (Approximately 200 Guilders have attended four district meetings.) It is my prayer that the Monroe District shall continue to grow both spiritually and numerically. My very best wishes to Mrs. Cotton as she takes over the leadership in her capable way.

In the last issue your editor gave the Monroe District Pledge to Missions for 1960-61 as \$1,900. It should have been \$2,150.



Mrs. W. A. (Zella) Cotton,  
Monroe New District Secretary—Monroe District.

MRS. W. A.  
(ZELLA) COTTON

Memorial Church  
Guild—Monroe

MONROE DISTRICT

SECRETARY 1960-62

The Monroe District is very fortunate to have Zella Cotton accept the Secretaryship of the district for the next two years. Zella has actively participated in the work of her church from childhood. Your editor first knew her "in the old days" as president of the Epworth League at Standard (Alexandria District) where she spent her childhood. After marriage she moved to Monroe. In 1945 she was active in the organization of Memorial Methodist Church which serves the college area and was the first W. S. C. S. president. She served as Recording Secretary of the Monroe District W. S. C. S. Following her husband's death she transferred her membership to the Wesleyan Service Guild and this is her second year as it's president. In the Church she has been a member of the Official Board for 15 years, serving one year as secretary. She was on the Building Committee for the sanctuary; and served 2 years on the Finance Commission. Zella teaches an adult Bible Class and sings in the Choir.

With such a record of service to her Master, the Nominating Committee felt assured that such leadership would enrich the Guilds of the Monroe District and the Louisiana Conference.

Zella's family consists of three children: Wade, who is just returning home after spending 2 years in Germany in the air force service; Joe Ann (Mrs. James Oliver) now living in Baton Rouge; and Kay who is a student at Northeast College in Monroe.

THIS IS YOUR LAST 59-60 ISSUE OF GUILD TIMES. SEND YOUR RENEWAL \$1.00 TO THE EDITOR.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

The Annual District Meeting was held on April 29, 1960 at Second Methodist Church. A supper prepared and served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Second Church under the leadership of Mrs. W. J. Marks, President, preceded the meeting. Rev. S. Emanuel, Pastor said the blessing. Guests were, Mrs. Hazel Gallaher, District W. S. C. S. President; Mrs. Mary Wade, District Treasurer and Mrs. Margaret Manis, District Secretary of Promotion of the W. S. C. S.; Rev. S. Emanuel; Rev. E. L. Tatum, Pastor of Metairie Church and our speaker, Miss Letah Doyle, Evangelistic Missionary to India; Mrs. Alice Orr, Conf. Secty. of Literature and Publications. (Alice Orr had a literature table at the meeting for those in need of literature.) Spiritual Life Chairman, District Wesleyan Service Guild, DeEllo Simon, gave a very beautiful and inspirational devotion based on "Love". Organist was Mrs. Pat Addison of Second Church.

Miss Doyle gave a very interesting and informative talk about her work and that of the Church in India, describing the natives and different castes. She illustrated their dress with the use of dolls representing the different classes of people and their dress. She closed her talk by demonstrating to the group the sari and

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## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

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how it is worn and draped with the use of a very brilliant and colorful sari.

The altar was beautifully decorated with a cross of flowers, given by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the New Orleans District.

The following officers were elected to serve the district:

Chairmen, Missionary Education and Service, Louise Baldrige; Christian Social Relations, Irene Burns; Supply Work, Lucille Wells; Recording Secretary, Agnes Lawien; Treasurer, Elizabeth Beard. They will serve for two years.

Nominating Committee elected to serve for 1960-61 were Dorothy Kimbell, Chairman; Margaret Lilley and Katie Cook.

A Promotion Workshop and Training Seminar was held on Wednesday, May 18, at Elysian Fields Methodist Church, conducted by the officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the New Orleans District, Mrs. Hazel Gallaher, President, Mrs. Mary Wade, Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Manis, Secretary of Promotion. They were assisted by other members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. An inspirational devotion was given by Mrs. Dameron of the Elysian Fields W. S. C. S. The attendance was good and those attending were enthusiastic about the work presented and feel that they are better informed officers and members. Mrs. Alice Orr, Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications was on hand with literature and training for the local units. Refreshments were served by the Elysian Fields Woman's Society of Christian Service. We appreciate very much the help and service of our Woman's Society of Christian Service.

On Monday, May 23, a meeting was held at Parker Memorial Church for purpose of organizing a new unit of the Wesleyan Service Guild in New Orleans. The meeting was presided over by the District Secretary. The operation and purpose of the Guild was described with the assistance of Mrs. Hazel Gallaher, District President of the Woman's Society. An election was held under the direction of the District Secretary, with the following officers being elected:

Mrs. Lila Cristoffel, President; Mrs. Irene Black, Vice President; Flo. DuVernay, Secretary; Mabel McGee, Secretary of Promotion; Norma Nash, Treasurer; Cecile Hazel, Spiritual Life Chairman; Mrs. A. M. Penny, Coordinator.

Other chairmen will be elected at the next meeting to be held in June.

Those present at this meeting, in addition to those elected, were Frances McCain; Mrs. E. J. Barksdale, wife of the pastor of the church; Mrs. J. L. Meyer, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Parker Memorial Church and Mrs. John D. Cerise, Secretary of Promotion of Parker Memorial Church.

The officers and chairmen will be installed by the District Secretary at a meeting to be held in July.

Our prayers and good wishes go with this newly organized guild.

CARROLLTON—Grace Reidenauer, Reporter: Carrollton completed the study of Luke's Portrait of Christ, taught by Mrs. N. Levy. First Church and Rayne Memorial joined in this study. As a result of the study, a special contribution was given to Dr. R. Pickard for his fund for a well in India. Preceding the study, supper was served, for a very nominal charge, by the Kuntz sisters. We participated in the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4.

On Tuesday, May 3, the following officers for 1960-61 were installed by Mrs. V. W. Cothren, local president of the W. S. C. S.

President, Mrs. Violet Jackson; Vice President, Mrs. Irene Burns; Secretary, Mrs. Helen McMahon; Treasurer, Miss Helena Kuntz; Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. M. E. (Jennie) Pittlekow; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Ralph (Marguerite) Reuter; Missionary Education & Service, Mrs. Victor (Stella) Scorsone; Christian Social Relations, Miss Lillian Gaines; Literature & Publications, Mrs. J. P. (Claudia) Sexton; Membership, Mrs. Frank (Louise) Knaps; Recreation, Mrs. P. E. (Mary) Terroy; Publicity, Mrs. P. A. (Grace) Reidenauer; Coordinator, Miss Emma Kuntz; Nominating Committee, Mrs. Eugene (Geraldine) Hart, Mrs. W. S. (Anna) Mott and Mrs. Elisabeth Miller.

Adult Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. Violet Jackson and Miss Helena Kuntz.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER—Mary Taylor, President: At the regular monthly meeting April 21, at the church, special guests were Mildred Evans, District Secretary, and Mrs. DeEllo Simon, Spiritual Life Chairman of the New Orleans District. A love offering is collected at the meetings and used toward the purchase of a new organ for the church.

METAIRIE—Anita Cory, Secretary of Promotion: Outstanding

Activity of 1959-60: Our group being small and our talents limited, we agreed to give one evening each week to visiting the patients of Metairie Hospital, a small hospital in our own area.

Our purpose was to visit each patient with new magazines, books, etc., read to those who wanted us to do so, write letters for those who were unable to write and give whatever service within our capabilities.

Our program was well received by the patients. Our action brought forth the Women's Auxiliary of the hospital which had, until that time, spent their efforts in means of keeping themselves busy with style shows, teas, etc., with no great amount of time being spent in actual hospital work. Our program caused them to realize the need for such work within their own group, therefore, they took over and we graciously bowed out, proudly but humbly aware that we had served a good purpose by example.

RAYNE MEMORIAL—Willie Ray Jones: The Wesleyan Service Guilds of Carrollton Avenue, First Methodist and Rayne Memorial joined together for a study course of Luke's Portrait of Christ by Charles M. Laymon, and taught by Mrs. Norma Levy. We enjoyed, very much, the lively sessions.

Our attendance was over fifty, with each Guild averaging about 14 to 18 members each time. Assignments and special readings were given and many were turned in so we are hoping for JR Credit.

ST. MATTHEW'S—Mrs. Ralph P. (Skip) Brown, Reporter: A candlelight installation and pledge service was held May 16, by the Guild of St. Matthew's Church in Airline Park Subdivision.

In the group's first installation service, the following officers were invested:

Mrs. Milton Baldrige, President; Mrs. Ralph P. Brown, Vice President; Mrs. Homer Claude, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ethel Richardson, Secretary of Promotion, and Mrs. Ann M. North, Treasurer.

Committee chairmen installed were, Mrs. W. G. Bickford, Spiritual Life; Mrs. Robert Bacon, Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. Robert S. Smith, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Harry A. Rahm, Supply Work; Mrs. Harold Hilman, Literature, Publications and Membership; and Mrs. Ralph P. Brown, Publicity.

Miss Mildred Evans, district secretary, installed the new officers, assisted by Mrs. Lamar Williams, president of St. Matthew's W. S. C. S.

Mrs. DeEllo Simon, district chairman of Spiritual Life, gave a very beautiful devotional based on women of the Bible and their achievements. Organist was Mrs. Bacon. Mrs. Hilman and Mrs. Smith were hostesses for the evening. Members of St. Matthew's church were invited to attend the ceremonies.

SECOND—Mildred Evans, Reporter: Mrs. A. J. Hass, Missionary Education and Service Chairman, served the supper at one of the sessions for the church wide study, Medical Missions Around the World at St. Mark's Methodist Church.

The study of Luke's Portrait of Christ by Charles M. Laymon was completed on Wednesday, March 30. Mrs. Pat Addison taught the course, assigned by her mother, Mrs. W. J. Marks, President of the W. S. C. S. As a result of the study, the book "Twelve Baskets Full" by Margaret Applegarth will be given to the church library. JR Credit for this study has been received.

A box of different items needed by Dr. and Mrs. R. Pickard to be used on their mission field in India was presented to them. In addition, a blanket and dolls were purchased and included in the box.

After the monthly meeting held April 6, at the home of Mrs. A. J. Haas, 108 Easter baskets were decorated and filled for the kindergarten and primary children at Sager Brown Home. The baskets were made by Mrs. Haas from cream cheese containers collected by her from neighbors and members of the church. The completed and filled baskets were taken by Mr. and Mrs. Haas to Sager Brown Home. After their work, the members of the Guild were rewarded with a feast of delicious sandwiches, cakes and candy and coffee prepared by Mrs. Haas.

MUNHOLLAND—Mrs. Dorothy Kimbell, President: A shower of new and used clothing was given for Dr. and Mrs. R. Pickard to take with them on their return to their mission field in India.

Adult Life Memberships were given to Mrs. Ann Goetz and Mrs. Dorothy Kimbell. An Honorary Baby Membership was given to Megan Gay Burch, infant daughter of Rev. Burch, assistant pastor of Munholland Church.

Two studies, for which JR Credits were received were held—Africa and Luke's Portrait of Christ. Upon completion of the latter study, a sacrificial dinner was held and the offering used to purchase a book for the church library. A contribution was given to missions in Vela Cleveland's name.

Officers and chairmen for the year 1960-61 were installed by Mrs. Mabel Harris, wife of the pastor of Munholland Church. They

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## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

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are—Mrs. Dorothy Blanchard, President; Mrs. Blanche Wade, Vice President; Mrs. Jean Waters, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Sue Gibson, Secretary of Promotion; Mrs. Ann Goetz, Treasurer; Mrs. V. L. Frampton, Coordinator; Mrs. Opal Looby, Spiritual Life; Mrs. Dorothy Kimbell, Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. Ruth Strait, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Carmen Nelson, Supply work; Miss Toni Pagano, Membership; Mrs. Jerry Weir, Publicity and Literature and Publications; Mrs. June Smith, Guild Times Reporter.

OFFICERS OF LOCAL UNITS: BRING YOUR QUESTIONS TO CAMP BREWER. THEY WILL BE ANSWERED IN THE WORKSHOP YOU ATTEND.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Adele Nugent, (Mrs. Earl), District Secretary

Ruston District held its annual Spring Meeting in Jonesboro Sunday, April 24th. The District Secretary was re-elected to serve 2 more years.

The Conference extends sincere sympathy to Ann Caroline Davis, member of the Virginia Laskey Guild at Trinity, Ruston, in the loss of her father on April 24th.

The following news item was sent to the editor by Mrs. Louise Sneed, Publicity Chairman of the JONESBORO Guild.

The Jonesboro Wesleyan Service Guild completed a very interesting study on the Gospel of Luke in November. It was presented by Mrs. Joe Key. For the outgrowth of this study, The Guild purchased cards to be sent to visitors of our church.

On January 11, our Guild members had a bar-b-que supper and invited husbands. Since we had no Christmas project this year, this group donated \$18 to The McDonnell Center at Houma, La.

The unit completed the Study of Contemporary Man and the United Nations in February. The interesting presentation was under the direction of Mrs. Dewitt Jones. The Guild has received a JR credit on each of the four (4) studies that we have completed this year.

The District Guild Conference met at the Jonesboro Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, April 24th with 27 members and 3 guest attending. After an interesting business meeting refreshments were served in the Recreational Hall. The table was beautifully decorated and the refreshments consisted of sandwiches, cookies, cheese dips with chips and crackers and punch. A very good time was had by all.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. Louise Sneed

The MINDEN Guild keeps the editor posted on their various activities. When they studied "Luke" they designed a very unique "Pattern for Living", modeled after a dress pattern. Each piece of the dress pattern represented characteristics that contribute to the Christian life.

YOU MAY BRING YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR GUILD TIMES TO CAMP BREWER. BE SURE TO HAVE CORRECT ADDRESSES.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

On May 13th Morningside Unit was hostess to the Shreveport District Guild Spring meeting. After a short business meeting, Mrs. George Saxon conducted a lovely installation service for the following district officers:

Spiritual Life, Miss Mildred Kee, Park Avenue Unit; Christian Social Relations Chairman, Miss Inez Walmsley, Mansfield; Publicity Chairman, Miss Sybil Kelly, Mangum Unit I; Pianist, Mrs. Eleanor Delafontaine Noel; W. S. C. S. Member at Large, Mrs. Jack Tooms, Vivia.

Plans are being made by many Guilders to attend the Jurisdictional Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah on June 10, 11, 12. Those planning to attend are: Elizabeth Lowery, Sybil Hale, Mildred Kee, Mrs. Ellie Sheppard, Florence McKinnon, Arline Tyler, and Sybil Kelly.

All units reported that the new officers have been elected and installed. Each unit has taken at least one of the study courses, but Miss Hazel Cooper urges that all units try to increase the number of study courses for the next year. Our district is far

below last year in the number of study courses taken.

Mansfield Unit sent \$29.00 to Christian Social Center in Kindu Central Congo Conference in Africa after completing the study of Africa. Guilders at Mansfield delivered some literature entitled "He Is Risen" to the jail and two hospitals.

Park Avenue planned a reception given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. George Dameron. Rev. Dameron is retiring after 30 years of service and they will live in Pineville after June 1.

Two life memberships were given by Mangum Unit I. Mangum is participating in the Salvation Army Drive to help stock their pantry shelves.

Broadmoor furnished bed linens and baby clothes for Volunteers of America.

The Supply Askings for the next year are:

Home—Epworth Village at York, Nebraska	\$85.00
Home—Dulac Community Center at Dulac, La.	\$85.00
Foreign—Lucknow Conference, India	\$50.00

Please be sure that your unit sends all monies undesignated to the home and foreign missions.

Sybil Kelly  
Publicity

THIS IS YOUR LAST 59-60 ISSUE OF GUILD TIMES. SEND YOUR RENEWAL \$1.00 TO THE EDITOR.

IT'S TIME TO SUBSCRIBE TO  
GUILD TIMES

The July Issue always concludes another year with Guild Times. The Fall issue will begin a new year and renewals are now due. Subscriptions are already coming in. I always delight in receiving the very first renewals. And who were they? Two Conference W. S. C. S. Officers while attending the Spring Meeting in Shreveport: Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Promotion Secretary and Mrs. Wideman Watson, new Secretary of Missionary Education, followed by a subscription from Mrs. Warren Orr who is the new Secretary of Literature and Publications. She writes "I enjoyed every word of Guild Times . . . The Guild has always been my challenge in my District work and I hope this year to become better acquainted". Thanks, Alice Orr. We expect to become better acquainted with you at Camp Brewer in July. Two subscriptions followed from Noel Guilders, Virginia Wren and Edna Eglin. Then SIXTEEN from faithful Opelousas and NINE from Minden. Now they will be coming in almost daily.

It has been recommended that every Guild put 3 subscriptions in the budget: the Pastor, W. S. C. S. President, and one for the Guild Files. The BLUE FILES for keeping your Guild Times issues will be available again at Camp Brewer for 40c each, if you did not get one in Shreveport.

This year we received 630 paid subscriptions. Our goal for 1960-61 is 750. If we reach 750 subscriptions we can be self supporting. All the fine things you say about Guild Times thrill me. But I will not be satisfied until we become self-supporting. I have been appointed to serve as your editor two more years. Please help me achieve my goal.

The enclosed blank may be used by an entire Guild, or by individual members. It will be easier for me if you will report by Guilds. BE SURE TO GIVE THE NAME OF YOUR GUILD UNIT, WHETHER THE SUBSCRIPTION IS A RENEWAL, AND THE CORRECT ADDRESS IF CHANGED.

May God go with you and keep you, as you grow in His Service.

Your Editor,  
Elizabeth Langford

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## 14th ANNUAL CONFERENCE GUILD WEEKEND "THE BEST EVER"

... And how do we measure success? There were many "earmarks" indicative of success at our 14th Annual Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer. Although the theme of the Conference was four one-syllable words, its meaning was powerful and challenged every phase of our program ... "Thy Word — Our Law".

The program chairman, Miss Margaret McGowan, retiring Conference Chairman of Supply Work, and her committees, put several months of tireless preparation on the details of the program and the results contributed another earmark of success. The advance promotion by the district secretaries brought Guilders from throughout the Conference.



REGISTRATION TIME ON THE PORCH—Lillian Gaines, Chairman

Registration handled by Miss Lillian Gaines of New Orleans and her committee comfortably housed the 144 delegates who registered as follows:

By districts — Alexandria, 20; Baton Rouge 13; Lafayette 9; Lake Charles 19; Monroe 23; New Orleans 26; Ruston 10 and

Shreveport 23. Mr. and Mrs. McArthur, camp managers, had worked hard with paint brush, hammer and nails to improve the physical surroundings of Camp Brewer. And the delicious, bountiful meals they served hit the spot each meal time. Those who claimed to be dieting back home threw away their diets and ate like ordinary people.

The attractive manner of seating the campers at each meal gave all an opportunity to meet and know new friends and enjoy again friendships formerly made at Guild Weekend.

Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary, presided over the business sessions in her capable manner and with the help of the Conference Executive Committee, dispatched the business of the conference with ease and efficiency. Reports showed the earmark of success in growth and in missionary giving throughout the Conference.

Miss Emma Kuntz again directed the Craft period on Saturday morning. Many artistic miniature floral arrangements were made from dried grasses, seed pods, etc.

Present to assist in the Workshops and Clinics were officers of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, including: Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, President; Mrs. H. V. Dunford, Vice President; Mrs. J. H. McSween, Treasurer, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Promotion Secretary; Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary of Missionary Education; and Mrs. Warren Orr, Secretary of Supply Work.

The Guild Chairmen of Lines of Work were especially helpful in the Clinics they conducted. The time allowed was all too short for the question period which followed in the following groups: Spiritual Life — Miss Arline Tyler; Missionary Education—Mrs. Austin Miller, assisted by Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. F. G. Phillips and our guest missionary, Miss Ann Ruth Jones of Fort Worth; Christian Social Relations—Mrs. E. T. Cowell; and Supply Work—Mrs. Tom Guthrie, assisted by Miss Margaret McGowan.

The original skit "What's My Line?" was both entertaining and informative. Several of the districts planned to carry the clever skit into their Workers' Conferences.

The Four Studies for 1960-61 were briefly outlined by the officers who attended the Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt.

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14th ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND — CAMP BREWER



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Thanks again for your co-operation in making our Guild Week-end a success. I am deeply grateful to all of you. I will not take time to go into this, for I know our very able Guild Times Editor will do it justice, in the beautiful manner that she does all things.

Since our Week-end at Camp Brewer I have been very busy helping organize new Units, and getting ready for our Guild Clinic at Conference School of Missions at Centenary College, beginning Monday, August 15th, also making preparation for our Coaching Conference September 10th, 11th, at Camp Brewer.

NOTE: I am, indeed, sorry that you have not received your report books, handbooks and guides, and assure you it was no fault of mine, nor the fault of the Division, just one of those things that happens when we go out of one Quadrennium into the other. As you know, we have just entered our 1960-1964 Quadrennium, and let me urge you to make a study of the Theme and Goals for 60-64.

The Treasurer reports on the same dates she has been reporting, but the Promotion Secretary only reports twice and that is November 10th and May 10th. I feel sure I will have received the report books before that time, and have them in your hands. We have many changes in the Promotion Secretary's report, but you will not have any trouble if you will only read the instructions you will receive with the books, and follow them for they are very explicit.

If you District Supply Chairmen have not sent out your Supply Askings, will you please do so at once. This should have reached the local level back in May. I am receiving letters from two districts stating they have not received their Askings.

We are growing and we are concerned and working, but we have many many things to accomplish. Will you join me in making a deeper commitment, so we will be able to do our Guild work in a more efficient manner.

Devotedly,  
Sue Batton  
Conference Guild Secretary

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Sequoyah. Miss Sue Batton presented "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions"; Miss Ruby Craton—"One World, One Mission"; Miss Arline Tyler—"Basic Christian Beliefs"; and your editor—"Alcohol and Christian Responsibility".

Phases of the program that give a spiritual uplift are always an inspiration which we never forget. Outstanding this year were: Mrs. Minza Rabun at Morning Watch; Mrs. Alice Duncan—Opening Meditation; Miss Ann Ruth Jones—Vesper Service; Dr. G. W. Dameron—Holy Communion; Mrs. Paul Anderson singing "How Great Thou Art"; Miss Jones—"Recruitment Service"; and Mrs. Joseph Manis with the closing message on "Thy Word—Our Law". To each of them we owe a sincere expression of appreciation.

It is almost an impossible task to recount the successful "earmarks" of such a wonderful Weekend. The group picture in this issue, together with a few snapshots contributed by Miss Dorothy Dunbar, will help to convey the conclusion that the 14th Guild Weekend was a great success in so many ways . . . Whether in executive meeting, the big dining hall, the open tabernacle, at vesper point, around the coffee table, in the swimming pool, or relaxing on the cabin cots . . . everywhere there was evidence of the wonderful spirit of a Guild weekend.

The white satin banner with the gold letters "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven" which spread across the rear of the platform above each speaker's head interpreted:

"Lord of our life, God whom we fear  
Unknown, yet known, unseen, yet near;  
Breath of our breath, in Thee we live;  
Life of our life, our praise receive.  
We love Thy Name; we heed Thy rod;  
Thy word, our law; O gracious God."

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Arline Tyler, Conference Chairman

Thanks to each of you who assumed a definite responsibility in the Spiritual Life Area for our Guild Weekend—and to all for your wonderful response in the Clinic and to the entire program. It was a wonderful experience.

May I recall to you:

1. NOW is the time to study and plan your programs for the new Guild year. As a member of the program committee, be sure much thought and prayer are given to the plans.
2. Make definite plans for use of the "Prayer Calendar".
3. See that observance of the Week of Prayer is included in your planning. The program packet is already available.
4. Begin with September meeting to have prayer partners and sharing literature from your Spiritual Life Bookshelf.
5. Be alert to materials and settings that will direct the thinking toward Christian principles and practices.
6. Beginning NOW and continuing through the November Primaries, have prayer emphasis on our responsibility as Christian citizens in the selection of our National leaders — pray for our Nation and leaders always.

PRAYER: Bless our country, that it may ever be a stronghold of peace, and the advocate of peace in the Council of Nations. May contentment reign within the borders, health and happiness in its homes. Strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship between all the inhabitants of our land. Plant virtue in every soul; and may the love of Thy Name hallow every home and every heart. Praised be Thou, O Lord, Giver of Peace. Amen (The Methodist Hymnal)

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

(Reported by Ruby G. Phillips)

Report of the Conference Year—June 1, 1959—May 31, 1960

District	No. Studies		Tot.	No. Mem. En.	Total Visits	Total Studying
	J. R.	Eff.				
Alexandria	12		12	110	40	150
Baton Rouge	11		11	157	102	259
Lafayette	11		11	80	82	162
Lake Charles	14		14	118	56	174
Monroe	14	1	15	181	66	247
New Orleans	15		15	135	23	158
Ruston	9	3	12	149	44	193
Shreveport	15	1	16	172	28	200
	101	5	106	1,102	441	1,543

Topics Studied:	No. Units Studying
The Gospel of Luke	38
Africa	33
The Role of the United Nations	21
The Church's Mission in Town and Country	4
The Church and Medical Missions	4
The Middle East	2
Christian Concern of North American Neighbors	2
Isaiah	1
Understanding Other Cultures	1
Total	106

Record of Individual Units:

Four Units completing FOUR J. R. Studies each: Jonesboro; New Orleans Second Church! Monroe First Church, Unit I; Pineville.

Eight Units completing THREE J. R. Studies:

Abbeville; Park Avenue (Shreveport); Lake Charles First Church (Julia Reid Unit); Lake Charles First Church (Vera See Unit); Bastrop; Louisiana Memorial (Opelousas); DeRidder; Lafayette First Church.

Twenty Units completing TWO J. R. Studies:

Istrouma; North Baton Rouge; Minden First Church; Logansport; Metairie; Winnfield; Mansfield; Carrollton (New Orleans); Noel (Shreveport); Ingleside (Baton Rouge); Baton Rouge First Church; Rayne Memorial (New Orleans); Leesville; Arcadia; Plain Dealing; Trinity (Alexandria); Memorial (Monroe); David Haas Memorial (Bunkie); Munholland (New Orleans); Welsh.

One Unit completing ONE J. R. and TWO Efficiency Studies: Grace Church (Ruston).

One Unit completing ONE J. R. and ONE Efficiency Study: Tallulah.

Nineteen Units completing ONE J. R. Study: New Orleans First Church; Alexandria First Church; Broadmoor

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## MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

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(Shreveport); Gentilly (New Orleans); West Monroe; Nolley Memorial (Jena); Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial (Bogalusa); Mangum Unit One (Shreveport); Mangum, Alma Levins Unit (Shreveport); Gretna (New Orleans); Monroe First Church (Unit Two); Hammond; Centenary Church (Rayne); Wynn Memorial (Shreveport); Lake Arthur; Mer Rouge, Lake Providence; Ponchatoula; New Iberia.

Two Units completing ONE Efficiency Study each: Homer First Church; Zowlle.

GROWTH IN THE STUDY PROGRAM OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

1955—1956			1956—1957			1957—1958		
JR	Effic	Total	JR	Effic.	Total	JR	Effic.	Total
49	10	59	50	8	58	69	6	78
1958—1959						1959—1960		
JR	Effic.	Total	JR	Effic.	Total	JR	Effic.	Total
77	1	78	101	5	106			

To Conference Chairmen of Missionary Education and Service:

As I say farewell to you as Conference Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, I say "Thank You" for permitting me the wonderful opportunity of serving with you during the past four years. Your efforts and accomplishments have been an inspiration, and the experience has been most gratifying to me personally.

I now have the privilege of introducing to you your newly elected Conference Chairman of Missionary Education and Service. Mrs. Austin Miller (Agnes), 311 Lakeshore Drive, Monroe Louisiana. You will find her very capable and willing to assist you.

May we continue to grow in understanding and love in service for our Lord and Master.

Sincerely,  
Ruby Phillips

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Agnes Miller (Mrs. Austin) Conference Chairman

It is a very real privilege and honor to serve the Wesleyan Service Guilds of Louisiana as Conference Chairman of Missionary Education. During the next four years I pledge to each of you my best efforts to promote the approved studies and to stimulate action in this phase of our work. It is a great responsibility, and I accept it prayerfully. Knowing that this part of the work of the Guild is important to all of you, I look to each Guild for dedicated efforts in the area of Missionary Education.

The four studies this year are very challenging. Foreign missions, home missions, the problem of alcohol, and the great beliefs of the Christian Church are prepared for us to study. Is it too much to hope that every Guild will have one or two courses for Jurisdictional Credit this year? Materials on the foreign study, INTO ALL THE WORLD TOGETHER — ONE WORLD, ONE MISSION, will be appearing plentifully in the METHODIST WOMAN and the WORLD OUTLOOK this fall. A JR credit in that — or an efficiency credit — will give our Guilds a good start for the new Quadrennium.

As we plan studies for the new year, and for the new Quadrennium, let us not forget ACTION. Do you have the lea'let STUDY AND ACTION? It is available free from literature Headquarters. Specific needs for action—following—study are listed for each of the courses. It will help your Guild complete a most successful study.

Again, in closing, let us all plan together for the rich rewards that come both to ourselves and others as we learn more and more about the work of the Church and the needs of the world.

## SUPPLY WORK

Mrs. T. D. (Ruth) Guthrie, Conference Chairman

"I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.'" (Act 20:35)

Greetings, and a hearty welcome to each Chairman of Supply Work in every District and Local Wesleyan Service Guild. May I also say THANK YOU to all who placed their confidence in me by electing me to serve you as your Conference Chairman of Supply Work. With God's blessings may we go forward "INTO ALL THE WORLD TOGETHER" and give generously our time, cash, and prayers, to further His Kingdom here on earth.



GROUP LEAVING VESPER POINT "... go ye, and tell others"

To each District Chairman of Supply Work: Have you mailed the Supply List and Askings to your Local Guilds, stating the amount of cash your District has been requested to give? If not, please do so immediately or the needs which the Louisiana Conference is responsible for will not be met by the end of the year. Check with your District Treasurer from time to time to determine whether or not your GOAL is being reached. Encourage all Guilds to 'GO THE SECOND MILE' in their giving.

To each Local Chairman of Supply Work: By now you should have been notified by your District Chairman of the amount of cash for Supplies that your District is responsible for and the Projects receiving it. Namely; Foreign, LUCKNOW CONFERENCE in INDIA. Home, EPWORTH VILLAGE, YORK NEBRASKA, and DULAC INDIAN CENTER, DULAC, LOUISIANA. The Woman's Division of Christian Service has assigned many, many more 'Special Interests' of Supply Work to the Wesleyan Service Guild, but—the above THREE LOCATIONS have been assigned especially to the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds. Let us bring these workers and locations alive by presenting the work to our members in an interesting way. Ask your Program Chairman to give you a few minutes during each program meeting to lift up the work of these locations.

For information study the June, July and August issue of the 'Methodist Woman' and the DO YOU KNOW booklets on Home and Foreign work. For additional interest and inspiration use the 20th ANNUAL REPORT of the WOMAN'S DIVISION of CHRISTIAN SERVICE and the PRAYER CALENDAR. Pray for our Christian workers daily. Devise ways of raising cash for Supply Work over and above the pledge to missions.

Give the correct address of each location to your local Guild Treasurer and to your LOCAL TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY. BE SURE THAT ALL CASH FOR SUPPLY WORK IS CHANNLED PROPERLY THROUGH THE TREASURER. NEVER SEND CASH DIRECTLY TO ANY INSTITUTION. IT is best to give cash rather than materials, as shipping cost are high and most institutions can purchase materials in large quantities more economically.

Encourage a small contribution of cash each year to the MAGAZINE AND PICTURE FUND. This is SUPPLY WORK too. Missionaries in the foreign fields have asked that this fund be continued. Much help and inspiration is gained in their use of the International Journal of Religious Education. (read page 44-45 June issue of 'Methodist Woman'.)

"Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Ruth B. Cowell, (Mrs. E. T.), Conference Chairman

"What a wonderful time we had at Camp Brewer. It was well planned and beautifully conducted. Our last count was 144, but I'm sure there were more than that at Sunday Dinner.

As always, the studies were presented in a most interesting and inspiring way. Didn't Elizabeth do a wonderful job on our Christian Social Relations — Alcohol — Study. I was almost glad I didn't get to Sequoyah when I sat there and listened!

Let us all try hard this year to make this our Church Wide Study and arrange it so that our Guild will get a JR credit for it. It will take good planning and much more work on the part of many guilds. This is a challenge.

Our new Jurisdictional Chairman of Christian Social Relations

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## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

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is Mrs. Clara McNeil of Sinton, Texas. I have had a letter from her and will try to pass on some of her suggestions in just a little while.

Some of you may have also had the letter from Margaret Bender on her suggestion for a very special U. N. Day. It is most interesting and I'll try to send the gist of it to our local Guilds very soon.

Baton Rouge District is hoping to have another Citizen Brunch this year. Why not one in every District—especially if you have trouble working up a local one. There are many people connected with L. M. & C. F. who are available to speak. You may have some in your own town.

Let us all work harder this year, to secure new members, renew the interest of those who have dropped out and make our Guild the finest it has ever been.

With God's help it can be done.

Ruth Cowell, Conference Chairman  
Christian Social Relations"

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Miss Ruby Craton, Minden

### Reports on the new Guild at First Church

Dear Elizabeth,

Guild No. 2 was organized in June and the officers were elected as follows:

President Mrs. J. L. Hutchins; Vice-President Mrs. J. D. Brown; Secretary Mrs. J. N. Davis; Treasurer Mrs. R. A. Garling; Coordinator Mrs. W. S. Hicks; Committee Chairmen: Spiritual Life: Mrs. R. F. Grambling; Christian Social Relations Mrs. R. O. Machen; Missionary Education Mrs. F. E. Kennon; Supply Work Mrs. S. W. Alsobrook; Literature and Publication Mrs. Galen Pratt; Publicity Mrs. E. K. Berry; Membership Mrs. James Felts.

Guild No. 2 members were the guests of Guild No. 1 for the picnic meeting in July. For the August meeting, Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary, met with Guild No. 2 and explained the work of the Guild as well as the duties of the officers.

Sincerely,  
Ruby

## HAVE YOU BEEN TO MT. SEQUOYAH?

You haven't had all the luck IF you haven't! Our great Methodist Church is indeed fortunate to own so beautiful an assembly site as is nestled in the grandeur of the Ozark Mountains, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. In fact the foot of the mountain drive threads its way into the city streets. Atop this mountain is located our own Mt. Sequoyah . . . the Central Methodist Assembly grounds—used for every phase of leadership training carried on by the program of our church.

It was in June that our Wesleyan Service Guilds of the South Central Jurisdiction held their Guild Weekend. Louisiana had its full quota of 23 on the Mountain. Any Guild member is privileged to attend this weekend, regardless of status. Quotas are set up according to registrations of former years. We think we could have our quota increased if interest throughout the Conference assures a larger attendance. So, as you read this article, begin now to think about the opportunities of going next summer and mark your calendar for Mt. Sequoyah in June 1961.

As I told you in the July issue, I had the privilege of going and it was my first time in thirty years to be on the Mountain. It was wonderful. The Louisiana delegation represented our Conference with great pride. We were delighted that our own Arline Tyler was elected to serve on the Jurisdiction level as Chairman of Spiritual Life for the next four years. And—more honors—Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, our Conference President was elected to serve on the Wesleyan Service Guild Executive Committee. We who know how interested "Nell" is in our Guild work know that she will make a valuable contribution to the Committee in our behalf. We will be hearing a great deal about next summer's program because of these two capable leaders who will serve from our Conference.

This was the year to elect a new Jurisdiction Guild Secretary to succeed Mrs. Alice Pletz of San Antonio, Texas. We elected Mrs. Hazel Dabney of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Hazel is well experienced in all phases of Guild work, as she has held many local and conference offices of leadership. She is Supervisor of

the Pine Bluff Elementary Schools and is most active in civic and educational organizations. In her own church she has given many years to the program of education in the Children's Division and is presently Secretary-Treasurer of the Church School.

Louisiana Guilders look forward to having Mrs. Dabney in our own Conference. Being Secretary to Guilds of eighteen conferences is not an easy task, but we who know her feel assured that she is equal to the task. And we will do our part to make her proud of the Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guilds.

Guild Times introduces you to your new Jurisdiction Secretary at this time, and we bid farewell to Alice Pletz, our retiring Secretary.



MRS. HAZEL DABNEY (left) MRS. ALICE PLETZ (right)

The entire program for Guild Weekend was a succession of wonderful events. I wish I could adequately bring to you the inspiration we received on Pledge Night, as the Secretaries of the 18 Conferences pledged to the Jurisdiction President, Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., their pledge for each conference. In the accompanying snapshot you see the map of the world, overshadowed by the Cross. Leading from the Cross to the many locations of our missions around the world were golden cords. As each pledge was made a tiny gilded Bible was placed on a designated mission post and "the voice of the Lord and of the people" echoed the meaning of . . . "for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." You, Louisiana Guilders, are a part of all of this. And we will make our theme "Thy Word, Our Law" a reality during the coming year as we underwrite our pledges in each local Guild.

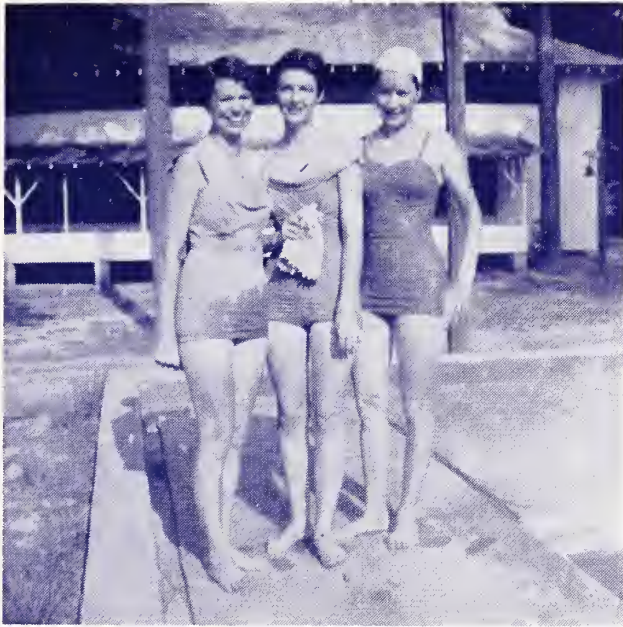


UNDER THE TABERNACLE—JURISDICTION GUILD WEEKEND

Following the Guild Weekend I was privileged to remain for the School of Missions in order to serve as editor of the daily news bulletin "Mountain Minutes". Though it involved work on my part, it was a great opportunity to be with and mingle with the great Christian women of Methodism . . . women whose dedicated lives radiated devotion, steadfastness, many outstanding skills and constant Christian devotion to their Lord and Master. I was greatly enriched by the experience, and I hope I can convey some of the inspiration to you through the pages of Guild Times.

. . . Your Editor





TIME OUT FOR THE SWIMMING POOL—Vi, Marilyn and Boots

### YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

At Guild Weekend following the noon meal on Sunday Dorothy Dunbar made an appeal for funds to improve or replace the public address system in the tabernacle. To date the sum of \$67.00 has been subscribed which is a wonderful start in realizing this project. Dorothy reports that an Alexandria firm has offered to look over the situation and make recommendations, suggesting prices. Anyone wishing to add to this fund may send a contribution to Dorothy Dunbar, P. O. Box 281, Opelousas, La. It is understood that this is an "over and above" gift.

GUILDS . . . Let's show Dorothy we appreciate the wonderful way she has served in handling the controls on the public address system during each Weekend. Since the system must be replaced we can raise the funds to pay for it if each Guild unit will send in a small love offering.

### HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES FOR 1960-64

Many are asking for materials for the new quadrennium. We are told that they are on the press now, and possibly by the time this issue of Guild Times reaches you, announcements will also appear in the Methodist Woman, stating that your 1960-64 **HANDBOOK** and guides for Lines of Work, Promotion Secretary, Treasurer, etc., will be available. We suggest that you go ahead and order your materials if you have not already done so.

Along with other changes, the Secretary of Promotion will now report only twice annually — in May and November. The Report will be more detailed than before, so it will be necessary for the officers to keep detailed records of your activities, month by month, so that the Secretary of Promotion can give a true picture of your accomplishments in her semi-annual report. In the back of her report book there will be blanks for reporting JR Studies. These changes will not be difficult if we inform ourselves correctly by reading carefully The Methodist Woman, as well as information sent you by your Conference Chairmen of Lines of Work. (Have you read what your officers have to say in this issue of Guild Times?)

The 20th **ANNUAL REPORT** of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Louisiana Conference is now in the hands of your President and District officers. You are asked to present the information in this Annual to your Guild at an early date. It is important, informative and inclusive. Appreciation is here expressed to the committee who prepared the materials for the Annual. If you have available the 20th **ANNUAL REPORT** of the Woman's Division of the General Board, refer also to it, as you present your program.

## GUILD CLINIC AT SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

As this material goes to press we do not know how many Guild officers and members will be in attendance at the Louisiana Conference School of Missions. Our Conference Secretary, Miss Sue Batton, will be in charge of the Guild Clinic which will be held along with the Clinic schedule. At this time further information on the 60-64 Quadrennium pattern will be available.

The studies for Jurisdiction Credit will be presented by outstanding instructors. Those taking the Studies will be well equipped to assist in their presentation as the Studies are presented in local units.

The Church-wide Study recommended this year is titled "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility." It is the responsibility of the Commission on Missions in the local church to plan and promote this study together with the pastor, and the help of the Woman's Society, the Guild, the Men's Club and the Church School. If the Guild wishes to have the extra sessions necessary for JR Credit, following the church-wide presentation, the details can be worked out by your Guild. We suggest that you urge those responsible to conduct the church-wide study, in January and February (time suggested). Read Miss Thelma Stevens' report on General Conference Speaks in 1960 in your July-August Methodist Woman, page 13. A wealth of research material is available from our Board of Temperance, and Literature headquarters. Speak to your Chairman of the Commission on Missions and to your pastor, if you do not already know of their plans. Offer the co-operation of your Guild.

### OUR SYMPATHY TO

To the family of Miss Alpharetta Leeper of our Board of Missions, New York, Miss Leeper passed away on July 6th.

Mrs. Thelma Thomas of the Abbeville Guild, in the recent loss of her mother. Mrs. Ruth Lane Read of the Tallulah Guild, in the tragic loss by drowning of her 9 year old grand daughter.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Bee Sandefur, (Mrs. Alvin), District Secretary

Here we are, all set for another year, and we pray for God's guidance in each and every phase of our work for him.

My first report came from Claudell Farr, treasurer of the WINNFELD GUILD, and I can see where they are doing their share in promoting our financial work for Missions. And PINEVILLE, reported by their own Katie Benson, sending in their complete Supply Asking, their Alcohol Education fund and Cultivation.

BUNKIE, reported by Mrs. P. A. Hoover starts a fine new year with an increase of 5% in mission giving. Bunkie Unit was privileged to have Carlos Welsh and his family for a covered dish supper on their regular meeting nite. He and his wife spoke on the work of the women in India. When she spoke of Isabella Thoburn College, the Lucknow Conference etc. — this Guild felt right at home hearing of the places we are, or have been, helping to support.

He spoke, too, in ALEXANDRIA and NATCHITOCHEs where I hope many Guild members were able to hear him.

OAKDALE, our one Guild that vacations in the summer but always has its money ready to send; reported early too. Marguerite Leatherwood sent in this report.

Mrs. T. J. Seeling from our largest Guild, DORIS BRANTON in Alexandria, sent a wonderful report, showing an increase in their giving.

Margaret Anders at JENA; Mrs. E. C. Edwin, MONTGOMERY; Mrs. Herbert Cobb, NATCHITOCHEs; Mrs. Lucile Gunter, TRINITY in Alexandria and Lottie M. Owens, POLLOCK; sent prompt reports and I appreciate this promptness.

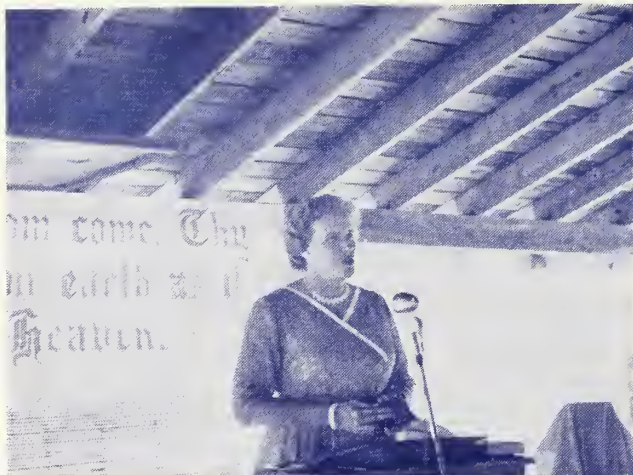
I hope every Guild has increased its pledge. Our District should raise 5% more money for Missions this year. And each Unit should think about giving one or more memberships each year.

Marie Pace, our District Spiritual Life Chairman has returned from a wonderful trip to the East. She reports a lot of sightseeing in Philadelphia and Washington.

Three from this District attended Jurisdiction Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, June 10-12. It was a pleasure for your District Secretary to represent you at this great meeting.

After a fine weekend at Camp Brewer where we all learned more of our work and enjoyed the fellowship, now let us get back and use this knowledge in our own units.





MISS ANN RUTH JONES — GUEST MISSIONARY

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Emma P. Mainous, (Mrs. C. G.), District Secretary

Baton Rouge District is getting the program for the new year under way. Some of the units have new officers and many have the same officers serving another year. This is good, since the second year officer can, with one year's experience be much more effective in the second year.

With a very busy and interesting year planned in the District, it was decided that the coaching clinics would be held early this year, in order to get the new officers off to a good start and coordinate the whole program.

The first Coaching Clinic was held at the North Baton Rouge Church on June 28th, from 2:00 to 4:00 P. M. The North Baton Rouge unit was the host group for the meeting.

The District Secretary, Emma Mainous, presided at the meeting. After calling the meeting to order the District Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. Vesta Rownd, was introduced to the group as the new member of the District family, and she brought a most appropriate meditation to the group, setting the tone for the meeting. This meditation was a good example of why we say Spiritual Life Cultivation is the plus of our organization.

The Clinic was conducted in two groups. The elected officers were in one group and Mrs. Emma Mainous presided at the meeting. The duties of the officers was presented and then there was an interesting question and answer period with much participation by all.

Presiding at the group made up of the Lines of Work, was the District Chairman of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Dean Causey. Each of the District Chairmen of Lines of Work, presented the duties of their officers and made interesting presentations with the use of posters and materials that could be used. Mimeographed sheets with outlines were given each person. They will prove invaluable in helping these officers to get off to a good start.

For the last thirty minutes of the meeting the two groups assembled together and Emma Mainous brought to the group the changes for the Quadrennium and emphasized the importance of reporting. This was held up as one place the Guild is falling down. The importance of the Lines of Work and their place in the organization was pointed up. The groups were challenged in this talk to give to Guild, which is God's work, that part of our time that belongs to Guild. The groups were urged to Pray and Study, and reminded of the Theme chosen for the Clinic, "Study to show thyself approved, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed."

Following the meeting a fellowship hour was enjoyed by the 39 members from the following Guilds: First Church, Ingleside, Istrouma, North Baton Rouge, Winbourne, University and Jackson.

On July 10th, the Coaching Clinic for the other Guilds in the District was held at the Hammond church with this unit as the host group.

The same pattern was followed, but presiding at the Lines of Work group was the District Chairman of Supply, Mrs. Mary Lula Hutchinson.

The units attending were: Amite, Bogalusa, Franklinton, Hammond, Kentwood, Ponchatoula, and Denham Springs. There were 20 present.

Following the meeting the group enjoyed a fellowship hour.

Baton Rouge District had 13 at Camp Brewer, representing 5 units. Some of our young Guild members were among the 13 and were very enthusiastic about the program.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Maree White, District Secretary

There has been very little "activity" reported to this District Secretary during the summer months.

Three of the five units were represented at Guild Weekend, where Lafayette District helped with the early Communion Service on Sunday morning. Those present were: from Lafayette—Marjory Holloway, President; Faye Dalton, District Recording Secretary; Jean Gilmore, and Cornelia McCamps; from New Iberia—Ernie Fremin, President; and Marilyn Carter, Conference Recording Secretary; from Opelousas—Dorothy Dunbar; Mattie Boagni; and the District Secretary. It was a very good weekend—the fellowship, the fun, the food, and the program were all tops. We could say a great deal more in the way of praise, but we feel sure that Elizabeth has reported it all elsewhere.

Cabin Seven members were disappointed that their candidate for "Miss Guilder 1960" didn't have an opportunity to represent them in the contest. Margaret would have won, we know!

The District Secretary was invited to teach "The Gospel of Luke" in New Iberia. The sessions were held in Ernie Fremin's big back sun room, where a large representation of the local membership attended and participated in the four sessions.

(Added by the editor): News that our efficient Conference Recording Secretary — Marilyn Carter, stumbled over the suitcase and broke her little toe on right foot, is tragic indeed. Those of us who know how much Marilyn likes to commute to Opelousas from New Iberia have an idea that even a broken toe won't interfere with her travels back and forth. Knowing the delight of being a guest in the Maree White home, we can't blame her. E. L.)

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Miss Grace Lawson, District Secretary

Lake Charles District news comes from several reporters within the district, since their Secretary, Miss Grace Lawson, is quite busy earning her Master's Degree at L. S. U. this summer.

Mrs. Jack Gregory (Winnie) President of the JULIA REID UNIT at Lake Charles First Church reports:

"Since Grace Lawson is still in summer school she has asked that we send our news directly to you. She is making news herself — she passed her comprehensive and will receive her M. A. at L. S. U. on August 12th.

The JULIA REID UNIT is happy to have added six new members since the new year began. Three of our members, Merle Whitman, Sarah Gaunt and myself, and one member, Juanelva Rose from the Vera See Unit attended all, or part, of the Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer. (Didn't we have a wonderful time?)

Lovely year books have been made and are being placed in the hands of all our members. The study "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions" is being planned and is to begin September 20th." . . . Winnie Gregory.

Mrs. Eva Stocking, President of the WELSH GUILD reports:

"The Welsh Guild is cooperating with the Wcman's Society of Christian Service in supporting a missionary in Africa as an outgrowth of their joint study on Africa.

During the local MYF Christian Adventure Week the Guild served supper to the youth of the First Methodist Church who took part in the Week's program."

Grace sent letters to the presidents of all the LC Guilds asking them to send you their summer news immediately. I hope you get a good response and that our "little bit" will help out.

Sincerely,  
Eva Stocking

K. FRUSHA, Recording Secretary of the Susie Jones Unit, DeRidder, reports:

"The SUSIE JONES GUILD of DeRidder, Louisiana has started their new year under the leadership of our new president, Mrs. B. K. Roberts, and during the summer months we have had good programs relating to missionary work at home and abroad.

A great number of our members helped with our annual Bible School. Our Guild President, from last year, Mrs. Lawrence Callahan, was overall chairman of our Bible School which was attended by 85 children. We feel it was a real success and the children gained a great deal in a sharing program.

Our Guild sent Mrs. O. V. Hooker and Mrs. Rosa McCullough

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## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

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to Guild Week-end at Camp Brewer and they brought back some very good reports.

We would like to mention the Guild members who helped with a one day retreat at Camp Englewood near DeRidder. Members of the Guild who helped were Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Mrs. Henry Schuelz, Mrs. B. K. Roberts and overall chairman, Mrs. O. V. Hooker. This camp was enjoyed by 50 children and 26 adult leaders.

We are looking forward to a pleasant year in our many projects and want to give full cooperation to our new officers."

The MAYE YOUNGBLOOD UNIT of DeRidder was among the first Guilds to report 100% in members subscribing to Guild Times. The editor thinks this makes news!

## MONROE DISTRICT

Zella Cotton (Mrs. W. A.) District Secretary

Monroe District is off to a good start in this new Guild year. Twenty-three members, representing eight Guild units attended Guild Week-end at Camp Brewer. Three from our District attended Jurisdiction Guild Week-end at Mt. Sequoyah. They were Elizabeth Langford, Monroe; Marie Larence and Minza Rabun of Bastrop. We hear that Minza and Marie gave the three a send-off by having a lovely dinner for six at Minza's home, then leaving Monie Dalton to clean up and lock up while the three took off in Marie's car. Elizabeth stayed over for the School of Missions and served as editor of Mountain Minutes. We feel that this was a distinct honor for our District as well as for Elizabeth.

The Monroe District Coaching Conference is being planned and will be held at First Church — Monroe — Sunday, September 25th, beginning promptly at 2:30 p. m. We are hoping that every unit in the District will be represented and that ALL officers will be able to attend.

Unit One, First Church, Monroe, deserves special congratulations for earning FOUR Jurisdictional Credits on the Studies during the past year. Monroe District is very proud of this achievement. Several of the Guilds had at least one Study for Credit.

I visited the Gordon Avenue Guild at their July meeting and learned that they are quite a busy group. They sponsor the choir for the evening services at the church and they tell me it has been most successful. Another good project they have is that of visiting the patients at the Riverside Convalescent Home on the second Sunday. They bring to these people a devotional and group singing which everyone enjoys very much.

Mrs. Jo Halback, former charter member of the Elizabeth Langford Guild at First Church, has been employed by the West Monroe First Methodist Church as Educational Director. We are expecting to hear great news of her leadership in that church.

As your new District Secretary I want to send you greetings. I am willing to serve you in any way I can. Some time during the year I hope to visit each Guild and in that way get to know each of you better.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

CARROLLTON—Grace Reidenauer, Reporter

Little Julia Gay Reidenauer, four year old daughter of Grace Reidenauer, was presented a baby membership. Julia attends Guild meetings regularly.

Eight members attended Guild Week End.

We are making big plans for the coming visit of Dr. Esther Shoemaker, missionary to India. While in New Orleans, Dr. Shoemaker will be honored by the Carrollton Guild with a reception on Saturday, evening, September 17, at the Carrollton Methodist Church, 921 S. Carrollton Avenue. At 7:30 p. m., prior to the reception, Dr. Shoemaker will present an interesting program illustrated by color slides. Our own Vela Cleveland has been privileged to work with Dr. Shoemaker at the Ella Thoburn Cowan Hospital in India. The Carrollton Guild is inviting all who are interested (husbands and friends, too) to be present for this occasion.

GRETNA—Beverly Biehler, President

Members of the Guild will serve refreshments on August 20, to those attending the Vacation Bible School, being held during the week of August 15.

During the month of November, the Guild will be responsible for the flowers for the church altar.

An Adult Life Membership was presented, by the Guild, to their President, Beverly Biehler. The pin and certificate were pre-

sented to Beverly by the Pastor, Rev. Charles Walker, at the church service on Sunday, morning, July 31.

PARKER MEMORIAL—Lila Christoffel, President

The newly organized unit met in the recreation room of the church building on Monday, evening, July 25, for its business meeting and program. The meeting was opened with a very beautiful devotion given by Cecil Hazel, Spiritual Life Chairman. The program was in charge of Mrs. Irene Black.

Officers and chairmen were installed, with an appropriate and inspiring service, by Mildred Evans, District Secretary, who attended the meeting.

ST. LUKE'S—Kathryn Huey, President

The meeting of St. Luke's Guild was held in the church parlors on Tuesday, evening, June 14.

Mildred Evans, District Secretary, attended the meeting and installed the officers with a very inspiring ceremony.

Two new members were present at the meeting at which three members were honored.

Mrs. Margaret Hammer, a charter member of both the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of St. Luke's Church, is moving to Charlottesville, Virginia. Her husband is retiring, hence the move. She was presented with a silver letter opener as a remembrance.

Gloria Flurry, immediate past president, is being married shortly, and was presented with a gift.

Mrs. Sarah Squires, who has been an active "Guilder" was presented with an Adult Life Membership in honor of her many services.

The members of St. Luke's Church are dressing dolls for the children at Dulac Community Center. Mrs. Hamner dressed one of the dolls in such an appropriate and beautiful way, and complete from small shoes to a lovely cap, that it made those present wish they were children again so that they might have the lovely and beautifully dressed doll. The doll was given to Mrs. Whitaker, wife of the pastor of St. Luke's, for the Dulac children.

ST. MATTHEW'S—Louise Baldridge, President

Members held their meeting on June 20, at the Methodist Home Hospital, 815 Washington Avenue. They toured the hospital with Mrs. Smith, and left their love offerings to be used to purchase needed things for the girls at the hospital. The members also took with them a large box of sewing materials, patterns, and findings, for the girls.

SECOND—Mildred Evans, Reporter

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Second Methodist Church, honored the Spiritual Life Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Emma Oser, with an Adult Life Membership. The pin and certificate were presented to her on Sunday, July 10. Miss Oser was, for many years, a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She has faithfully cared for the worship center in the Church School Auditorium. She has also mailed the Upper Room devotional books to the boys in service, and to those unable to attend church.

MUNHOLLAND GUILD—June Smith, Reporter

The new officers of the Munholland Guild were installed in a very effective candlelight service on Monday 16th at the parsonage. Mable Harris led the ceremony including the interpretation of three Indian Symbols (brass candlestick, brass water pot and tray) which were given to Dr. Picard and his family while they were in India.

Adult Life Memberships were given to Anne Goetz and Alma Ruth Hale for their faithful service.

We were well represented at the workshop given at Elysian Fields Church. Nine members attended.

DISTRICT NEWS—Mildred Evans, District Secretary

The New Orleans District attended Guild Week End at Camp Brewer, with a total of 26 people. They traveled in a chartered bus. Among the 26 people were, Mrs. Margaret Manis, New Orleans District Promotion Secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the guest speaker on Sunday morning; Mrs. Alice Orr, Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mrs. Iris Sewell, Coordinator of Gentilly Guild. Among the District Officers, in addition to the District Secretary, were Mrs. DeEllo Simon, Chairman Spiritual Life; Mrs. Louise Baldridge, Chairman Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. Irene Burns, Chairman Christian Social Relations. Guest for Sunday dinner, was Mr. Marvin Perry, the bus driver.

## FIRST HAND NEWS FROM VELA CLEVELAND

All of our Conference activities have prevented my giving you excerpts from Vela's letters in this issue. However, you Guilders in and near New Orleans will have the privilege of meeting and hearing Dr. Esther Shoemaker from the E. Thoburn Hospital in India, when she speaks at Carrollton Church on the evening of September 17th.



## RUSTON DISTRICT

Adele Nugent, (Mrs. Earl), District Secretary

Those of us who were able to attend Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer had a wonderful time. We missed those who could not be there. Several attended Jurisdiction Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah. Miss Sue Batton, Conference Guild Secretary, and Miss Ruby Craton, District Chairman of Missionary Education for Ruston District stayed for the School of Missions. Several from our District are planning on attending the Conference School of Missions at Centenary College.

Interest and much enthusiasm is being shown in the local units as well as District wise concerning our new Quadrennial emphasis "Our Mission Today".

Ruston District is happy to report one new Guild — organized at First Methodist Church, Minden. Congratulations. We will soon have news to give you of another new Guild being organized in our District.

We are looking forward to October 9th (Sunday) when Ruston District will meet at Camp Alabama for our Annual Coaching Conference. This will be an "all day meeting". Guild members of Ruston District, make your plans now to attend. We want every Guild, and every officer, represented. Camp Alabama is a beautiful camp site owned by the Presbyterian Church and located between Choudrant and Downsview in a beautiful wooded pine area, bordered by a lake and spotted with comfortable year-round cabins, a large dining and recreation center and chapel. Several north Louisiana groups have enjoyed the beauty and worshipful surroundings found at Camp Alabama. We are fortunate to have the privilege of using this camp site. Will we see you there?

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

The Shreveport District is planning a Coaching Clinic to be held August 26-27. Details for the clinic will be developed at the Executive Committee meeting in August. Mrs. Adele Nugent, Ruston District Secretary, has invited the Shreveport District Guilds to Camp Alabama on October 9th for their district Coaching Clinic. We are looking forward to the joint meeting.

The Shreveport District has sent in 79 subscriptions to Guild Times to date. We are not proud of such a small number and we hope our district sends in many more subscriptions.

We were represented at Camp Brewer with 23 Guilders: Park Avenue—8; Mangum, Unit 1—3; Plain Dealing—2; Morning-side—2; Mansfield—2; Noel—1; and Broadmoor—1. Also attending from Shreveport were Mrs. L. B. Kikpatrick, Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Conference W. S. C. S. Promotion Secretary; Mrs. Paul Anderson, Song leader; and Miss Arline Tyler, Jurisdiction Spiritual Life Chairman. These outstanding leaders added much to the success of the weekend at Brewer.

PARK AVENUE GUILD took their minister's wife, Mrs. Carl Beasley, to Camp Brewer as their guest. This is the first time Reverend and Mrs. Beasley have served a church where a Guild is organized.

The Guild unit at FIRST CHURCH is planning a dinner meeting at the Town and Country Motor Hotel. Mrs. Violet Dickens, new Guild member, will be the honor guest. \$25.00 has been pre-

sented to Business Girls' Inn. Miss Hazel Cooper reports that the money will be used to re-upholster some furniture.

MANGUM, UNIT 1, had a special program in July on "Worthy Use of Leisure Time for Young People". Miss Marsha Gentry, daughter of Guilders, Mrs. Genevieve Gentry and Miss Bobbye Ybos, daughter of Guilders Mrs. Jackie Ybos, presented a most interesting program. Miss Bobbye Ybos is also a youth Guilders. Mangum's year books created a lot of interest at Camp Brewer. These lovely yearbooks were made by Mrs. Gentry and Mrs. L. N. Maxwell. Able assistance was also given by Mr. L. N. (Big Daddy) Maxwell. Mangum Guild decided to subscribe to Guild Times for their 2 pastors, the co-ordinator and the president of the W. S. C. S. for the coming year.

A very special meeting was held by the NOEL GUILD at the Home for the Aged. An inspiring program, special music and refreshments made the evening a real blessing to both Guilders and honored guests. A picnic is planned for August 24th. All interested prospects will be invited.

Trinity Methodist Church and TRINITY GUILD have a very special reason for being proud of two of their young adults. Rev. and Mrs. Don Callen and son have left for Colorado to attend special school prior to being sent to Japan as missionaries. Mrs. Callen was a member of the Guild at Trinity. She will teach while the Reverend Mr. Callen will preach and teach. He was stationed in Japan during the war and felt the need to return. Trinity recently had a picnic and honored guests were their husbands.

Sybil Kelly  
Publicity Chairman

## AND WHAT ABOUT GUILD TIMES?

That is a good question. Every article for this issue is ready for the printer's hands except one. I have waited until last, hoping that I could make a good report of the number of subscriptions coming in to date. I'll write the article tonight and leave blank the total until I do the proof-reading in about two weeks. Possibly by then I can quote a total of which I can be proud.

This is YOUR GUILD TIMES. I am beginning my third year as its editor. This is the first edition of Volume 8. You have been told that 750 subscriptions will make Guild Times self supporting. This issue goes to press on faith alone, as I do not have but 514 in hand tonight.

I sound complaining and pessimistic, and that is not characteristic of your editor. I'll change my tune, by graciously thanking those who have already done so well. IF every Guild President would present your Conference news sheet to your members, you could easily secure the subscriptions necessary. Some Guilds have sent in 15, 20, 30, and more from a single unit. Isn't that wonderful? Several Guilds are already 100%. Some members send Guild Times to shut-ins and members "away from home". Maydele Whitman of Leesville sends a complimentary copy to Mrs. C. M. Hughes in a Nursing Home in Winnsboro. My first "out-of-state subscription" is from a Guild member of Dighton, Kansas — Mrs. Roy Leonard whom I met at Mt. Sequoyah.

This issue of Guild Times is being mailed to EVERY Guild President, whether your subscription is in or not. (That's for publicity . . . read it and see if it is worth your \$1.00). \$1.00 per year for four issues — September, January, April and July.

We still have some blue binders available in which to file your issues of GUILD TIMES. 50c each by mail.

Come on, send me your subscriptions so I can report "over the top" in our next issue of Guild Times. At the last gong of the bell I have 558 subscriptions.

I love you all, but I could love you a little more IF!

Your Editor,  
Elizabeth Langford

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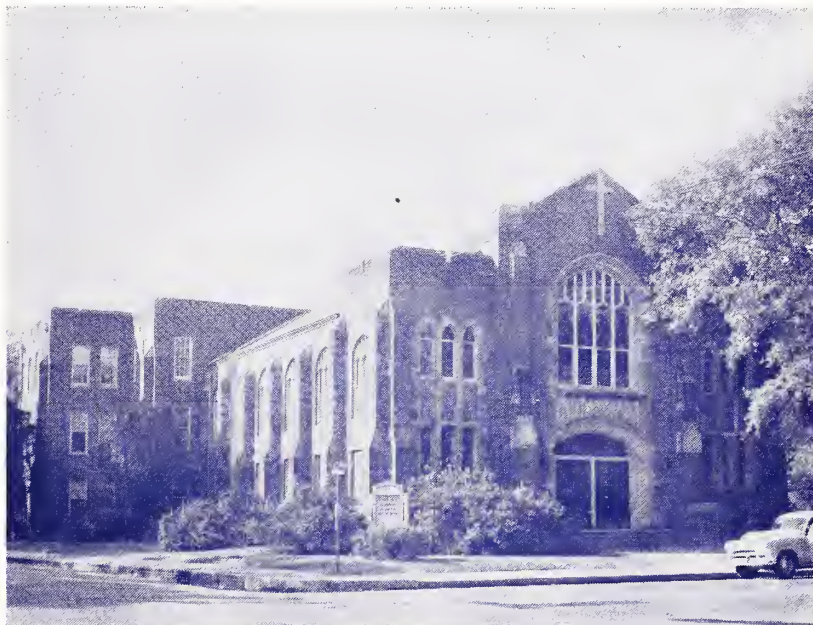
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## All Paths Lead To Lake Charles In March

10th ANNUAL MEETING OF  
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE  
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILDS

MARCH 18-19, 1961

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH — LAKE CHARLES



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

Theme of the Conference: "God Calls to Witness and Service"

With exciting anticipation we are eager for news concerning the 1961 Guild Spring Meeting. It is not too soon for you to elect your delegates. Remember that our Standing Rules say that you may have one voting delegate for every 20 members, or major number thereof. Our greatest desire is to have EVERY GUILD in Louisiana represented with at least one delegate.

Lake Charles has entertained the Conference before and we know how well they can do the job. With Marilyn Carter as General Chairman, Grace Lawson (District Secretary) and Helen Adams Preston as Program Chairman, we know that every detail is well in hand.

Registration should be made by March 10, 1961:

Mail to: Mrs. Jack D. Gregory  
1918 — 9th Street  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

\$1.00 should be mailed with registration and will be refunded if cancellation is made week before March 19th.

Saturday night banquet is \$2.50, Sunday breakfast is \$1.50, and with registration fee (includes insurance) totals \$5.00.

Guild members make their own hotel reservations. Rates at the Charleston are: Single \$5.50-\$6, Double \$7-\$8, Twin Bed \$8-\$9.

The following program from Marilyn Carter, General Chairman, gives you the schedule. Each president will receive registration blanks and further details at a later date.

### PROGRAM

Saturday, March 18

10:00 Registration	Charleston Hotel
10:30 Conference Executive Committee Meeting	Charleston Hotel
12:00 Conference Executive Committee Luncheon	Charleston Hotel
1:00 Registration	Charleston Hotel
Afternoon Session Sanctuary, First Methodist Church	
Jesus, We Look to Thee, Assembled in Thy Name.	
1:45 Organ Prelude	
Hymn: "The Voice of God is Calling" Number 454	
Convening of the TENTH ANNUAL MEETING	
Miss Sue Batton, Presiding	

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## Greetings From Bishop Walton



BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON

The Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Louisiana Conference delight in the fact that we have our own bishop and that he and his wife now reside in New Orleans. At the invitation of the editor Bishop Walton greets each of you:

To the Members of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of Louisiana

Dear Co-Workers:

Among the pleasant experiences that Mrs. Walton and I are enjoying as we begin our work in this new Area, is the contact with the members of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Louisiana Conference.

Both my many years in the pastorate and my association with the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church have taught me to appreciate greatly the contributions made in so many fields by members of the Wesleyan Service Guild. We depend upon you and your support in the great program of Methodist Missions at home and abroad.

May I say, then, that I look forward to knowing personally as many of you as possible and to working with your Guilds in

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# The SECRETARY'S Pen

I have just returned from the Mid-Year meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in New Orleans. It isn't only a joy, but a great privilege to work with these dedicated women, and to see their concern not only for the advancement of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, but equally as much for the advancement of the Wesleyan Service Guild. We worked late at night and started very early in the mornings, just like clock work, and with perfect cooperation and harmony. No organization can function properly, and get new members, without dedication, harmony and accord, and to you who have been so faithful, I am deeply grateful. It is true that the Woman's Society of Christian Service has lost members, which is due to the many women entering into the business world. It is also true that we as Wesleyan Service Guild members and leaders, have failed in our efforts to get them into our organization. We have had three new Guilds or Units since June 1, 1960. One in Ruston District and two in Baton Rouge District.

I am sure you will agree with me that the material for our 1960 Coaching conference at Camp Brewer was very good and helpful. From what I can hear, most all of the districts have repeated in their districts. While in New Orleans attending the Mid-Year Executive meeting, they were in the midst of a district-wide study, and from the report from Mildred Evans, it was a wonderful success. Grace Lawson reports to me that she has had three coaching conferences in her district and working on the fourth. We are so happy to have Grace back in the work with us, and she is keeping Lake Charles District busy. I have assisted in four District coaching conferences, and they were all very good. Monroe district had a wonderful representation, and so did Adel Nugent and Hazel Cooper in Ruston and Shreveport districts at Camp Alabama. Bee Sandeful from Alexandria district reports much interest in her coaching conference, as well as her first study. Guilders are concerned and working, but we must get more members.

We have secured some very fine speakers for our 1961 Spring Conference in Lake Charles March 18th-19th. Start making your plans now to attend this meeting, for you well know Lake Charles wraps things up in the right way.

Note: Since the office of Status of Women has been discontinued, the responsibility for study and action pertaining to status of women must be placed in other offices and committees—See Old Handbook page 40, place: Number 1 and 8 under Secretary of Promotion Number 2, 3, and 4, under membership Number 5, 6 and 7 Under Christian Social Relations Number 10 related to all officers and chairmen.

We hope to have our new Handbooks by January first, so watch your Methodist Woman. Are you reading your Methodist Woman? We have had so many fine things in it, and to keep informed you must subscribe to and read Methodist Woman. If you want to keep up with Guild work in Louisiana, subscribe for and read Guild Times. This will please Elizabeth Langford and keep you informed. Elizabeth is doing a magnificent job, and we must not take her, and the others who are working so faithfully, just for granted. Lift them in your prayers.

We are going to have something new at our Jurisdiction Guild Weekend. A special room for scrap-books, posters, or anything of interest from your conference. We have talent in Louisiana Conference, so get busy and try for first place. Hazel Dabney is doing a wonderful job in our Jurisdiction and she needs our best co-operation.

Our emphasis this year is "Better Program Building" I would like to include better reporting and accuracy. This is very important, we should also strive to have a Guild Unit in every Methodist church.

When this message reaches you, our Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays will be history, but will you join me in praying for "PEACE ON EARTH AND GOODWILL TOWARD ALL MEN".

Sincerely,

Sue Batton,  
Conference Guild Secretary

## "GOD'S CALL TO WOMEN"

When Mrs. Milton Randolph, our guest speaker at the 10th Annual Spring Conference, speaks to us on Saturday evening, her theme will be "God's Call to Women". Out of her varied experiences Mrs. Randolph will speak to us in a challenging manner. She comes to us from Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Randolph, an active church woman and daughter of a Methodist minister, is director of the Family Worship Department of The Upper Room.



MRS. MILTON RANDOLPH

Not only does Mrs. Randolph take a place of leadership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, she is a State Officer of the United Church Women for Tennessee. She held a work group at The National Family Life Conference in 1958. She is a member of the Family Life Committee of the National Council of Churches, and of the Organizational Division of the committee for the White House Conference for Children and Youth.

As director of the Family Worship Department, Mrs. Randolph promotes family worship and daily devotions through articles in church periodicals and booklets. She has prepared a number of leaflets such as: "Dad, the Head of the House," "A Family Altar is Portable," and "The Rush is On".

She is the compiler of a book of family prayers entitled, THE FAMILY AT PRAYER which contains a treatise on "How to Have Family Worship," written by Bishop Hazen G. Werner. She is now teacher of a large class of young mothers and edits the conference bulletin for the W. S. C. S.

Mrs. Randolph attended Wesleyan College, Macon Georgia, and received the A. B. Degree from the University of Montana. She is the mother of two sons: Dr. Judson Randolph, Children's Hospital, Boston and Somers Randolph who is in business in Nashville, Tennessee. She has three grandsons. Her husband, a veteran newspaperman who died in 1954, was financial columnist for THE NASHVILLE (Tennessee) BANNER.

In August 1958, Mrs. Randolph attended the World Convention of Christian Education in Tokyo. In November of 1959 she

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## GREETINGS FROM BISHOP WALTON

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a vigorous program of missionary education and support in the Louisiana Conference.

Sincerely,  
Aubrey G. Walton

Incidentally, the secretary to Bishop Walton, Mrs. Bessie F. Kerr, is also a warm friend of Louisiana Guilders. In her letter she wrote: "... I note with interest the space you regularly give to Dr. Vela Cleveland and her work. My husband and I came to know and love Vela during the year and a half that she lived in our home while attending medical school here. Best wishes to you and all the Guilders.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Bessie F. Kerr"



MISS MARILYNN CARTER  
General Chairman



MISS GRACE LAWSON  
District Secretary

## ALL PATHS LEAD TO LAKE CHARLES IN MARCH

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- Opening Worship ..... Mrs. Rosa McCullough  
Welcome ..... Dr. Carl Lueg  
Order of Business:  
  Presentation of Program ..... Miss Marilyn Carter  
  Report of Recording Secretary ..... Miss Marilyn Carter  
  Committee Appointments  
  Introductions  
  Announcements  
Hymn: "Guild Hymn"  
Report of Conference Secretary ..... Miss Sue Batton  
Reports of Conference Chairmen:  
  Christian Social Relations ..... Mrs. E. T. Cowell  
  Missionary Education and Service ..... Mrs. Austin Miller  
  Spiritual Life ..... Miss Arline Tyler  
  Supply Work ..... Mrs. T. D. Guthrie  
Report of GUILD TIMES Editor ..... Miss Elizabeth Langford  
Hymn:  
To Give, and Give, and Give Again, What God Hath Given Thee  
Pledge Service ..... Mrs. Herbert C. Loyd  
4:15 Fellowship Tea ..... Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church  
  By Many Hands the Work of God Is Done.  
6:00 Dinner ..... Colonial Room, Majestic Hotel  
  Mrs. E. T. Cowell, Presiding  
  Mrs. Vivian Smith  
Invocation ..... Mrs. Irma Watson  
Introductions  
Music  
Closing Prayer ..... Mrs. Irma Watson  
  Evening Session Sanctuary, First Methodist Church  
  Sue Batton, Presiding  
  And Ye Are Witnesses of These Things  
7:30 Organ Prelude  
Hymn: "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee" ..... Number 259  
Prayer  
Anthem or Solo  
Address ..... Mrs. Milton Randolph  
  This Do in Remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19  
Communion Service and Dedication of Gifts  
Sunday, March 19  
  Colonial Room Majestic Hotel  
Speak to Our Hearts, and Let Us Feel the Kindling of Thy Love  
7:00 Quiet Breakfast ..... Miss Arline Tyler, Presiding  
  Invocation ..... Miss Marie Pace  
  Violin Music  
  Meditation ..... Mrs. W. W. Paxton  
  Closing Prayer ..... Mrs. DeEllo Simon  
8:30 Order of Business ..... Miss Sue Batton, Presiding  
  Election of Delegates  
  Reports of Committees  
Their Voice Goes Out Through All the Earth, and Their Words  
  to the End of the World. Psalm 194  
9:00 Hymn: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" ..... Number 342  
  Address ..... Miss Annimae White  
  Closing Prayer ..... Mrs. Travis Powell  
  Adjournment ..... Miss Sue Batton  
  Church Service  
12:15 Buffet Luncheon ..... First Methodist Church

## MISSIONARY FROM THE CONGO ON PROGRAM

At the time that Guild Times goes to the printer your editor does not have an account of Miss Annimae White's years of service as a missionary, but I have information from two sources. The Prayer Calendar tells me that she is a native of the North Georgia Conference and has recently been stationed at Kalumba Gare, Congo Belge, Africa. From Bishop Arthur J. Moore, whom we have the wonderful privilege to know and labor with the missionaries of our church around the world: "Miss Annimae White has served our church in the Belgium Congo as a missionary teacher. Her manner has been so attractive, her mind so alert and her consecration so thorough that a whole generation rise up to call her blessed. Her coming to the Louisiana Conference is a significant event and all who hear her will be strengthened in faith."

Miss White will speak to the Conference on Sunday morning at the Missionary Hour. Her first hand knowledge of our work in the Congo will reveal to us a true insight into today's turbulent situation in the great continent of Africa where she has so faithfully served. We eagerly look forward to her visit with us.

## JANUARY — GUILD MONTH

Refer to your former issues of Guild Times for suggested ways to observe Guild Month. Be sure to watch your METHODIST WOMAN — Wesleyan Service Guild page — where you will find excellent suggestions. Report your observance of Guild Month to your district secretary. If you do something unusual your Guild Times wants to know about it.

## IN MEMORIAN

- Mrs. Nora Rollo—member of Trinity Guild, Alexandria  
Everett Rogers—husband of Zetta Rogers and brother of Audie Rogers of Pineville Guild  
The mother of Mrs. Olga Morgan—Amite Guild  
The mother of Mrs. Flora Tauzin—Amite Guild  
The brother of Miss Catherine Johnson—Amite Guild  
Byron Rowland—husband of Elsie Whitman Rowland, First Church, Lake Charles  
Mrs. N. M. Jackson—mother, grandmother and mother-in-law of three Winnfield Guild members: Mattie Crow, Mrs. S. J. Shell and Mrs. Marion Jackson.

## SUPPLY WORK

Ruth Guthrie, (Mrs. T. D.), Conference Chairman

As it has been impossible for me to write each of you personally, I want to take this means of thanking you Guild members and friends throughout the Conference for your many notes and 'Get Well' cards showing concern for Tom during his lengthy illness. They were deeply appreciated by both of us. He is improving, although it will be sometime before he is back to normal.

Reports on "SUPPLY WORK" are slowly coming in. May I urge you again to be more careful and check the local Treasurers report to see that CASH for SUPPLY WORK is reported correctly.

WEEK of PRAYER offerings should not be reported as cash for Supply Work.!

## "GOD'S CALL TO WOMEN"

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was a member of a team of six who held a mission in Korea under the direction of The Christian Teachers Association of Korea. While in the Orient she visited Formosa and Hong Kong.

## JULIA REID PAXTON ON PROGRAM

You will be delighted to note in the program outline that Julia Reid Paxton of Lake Charles will lead our QUIET BREAKFAST PROGRAM on Sunday morning. Those of us who have known and loved Julia through the years welcome every opportunity to be with her and to hear her speak.

## HELEN ADAMS PRESTON

Behind the scenes, assisting in the program planning and details for our Spring Meeting in Lake Charles, is our own Helen Adams Preston. We hear that Helen is putting her wonderful ability to work and those of you who know Helen also know what to anticipate. We are sorry that we do not have a picture of Helen in this issue but its good to save some of the outstanding Guilders for the next issue, so, Helen get ready for a snapshot of yourself on the job!



## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Ruth B. Cowell, (Mrs. E. T.), Conference Chairman

The Christmas season is here . . . but where is Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men? I just finished reading "The Angel Who Refused to Sing" by J. Chapman Bradley. The little angel, with the marvelous voice questioned the song of the Holy Chorus . . . but the Father answered thus: "The song does not say that peace IS upon the earth. The song proclaims that because of Him who is born this day . . . that one day in the fullness of time, goodwill SHALL reign among all men. I, the Lord have spoken it!"

Then pointing to the cross the Father said, "Aye, a cross. But on that cross the Prince of Glory shall die. But only for a moment. For from the earthly bonds of death He shall rise again . . . with healing for the nations in his wings. He shall live eternally and be born again and again in the hearts of men throughout all time . . . Lifted up He shall draw all men unto Him as the sun draweth the rain. Kings shall come to the brightness of his rising; till that day when every knee shall bow and every voice shall own him Lord . . . In that day his kingdom will be finally established in the hearts of men and war shall be no more."

It brought a light to my eyes and a hope and purpose to my heart. Shall not we, then, like the little angel, have a "singing heart", so that we may tell the story of His birth and His cross to the nations—So, we must continue to work at our Christian Social Relations.

Some had fine windows for United Nations week, some are having Citizenship Brunches and speakers on Family Life and Juvenile Delinquency, all of us voted for what we thought was right—many are worried and working and praying about integration. We should continue without fear.

Wasn't the picture in Vela Cleveland's October 12th letter just wonderful—missionary, yes — but Christian Social Relations, too. It is all a part of God's work!

And, as we face the troublous times before us, let us put our hand in His and by following where He leads, be a part of His great plan for "Peace on Earth — Good Will Among Men."

Love to you all,  
Ruth

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Arline Tyler, Conference Chairman

Be sure to get your PRAYER CALENDAR FOR 1961. They are available from Literature Headquarters. Encourage every Guild member to use it.

### SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

I am happy to report that a conference wide Spiritual Life Retreat will be held at Hodges Garden, near Many, Louisiana, January 21, 22, 1961.

Hodges Garden is the perfect setting for a Retreat. We have been granted the use of the Lodge built for the Centenary Choir. The lodge has year-round air conditioning. It has adequate sleeping quarters and assembly space for about fifty. The assembly room has a huge fire place. The gardens will be featuring camelias at that time (they hope). I cannot say too much in favor of the setting. These gardens are becoming one of the beauty spots of the south. One has to see them to appreciate the gorgeous display of nature and man's design at every turn and bend.

Since this is a new venture, the lodge capacity is limited, and we have no operating fund for such a retreat, and most important of all—a retreat needs to be on a small beginning—we are setting a quota of five for each district. This is in addition to any conference officers within your district. The publicity will go out to the District Secretary and District Chairman of Spiritual Life. These will be responsible for the selection and plan whereby the quota of five is reached. If any district cannot fill the quota, then other districts will have an opportunity to send more than five.

The management of the Gardens will provide linens, serve the meals, and serve us. All we have to do is bring personal things. The cost will be approximately \$8.50 each. There will be a fee of \$1.50 per person to be paid at the gate. The payment of the remaining \$7.00 will be explained in the letter going out this week.

We hope every district will be represented. Let us all unite in prayer that this will be truly a re-awakening of His Spirit in our life.

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Agnes Miller, (Mrs. Austin), Conference Chairman

Study classes in the Guild are on the increase as the year goes on. Still we have a very long way to go this year if we hope to have as many Jurisdictional Credits as we did last year. In 1959-1960 there were 106 JR and Efficiency credits issued. So far this year there have been only nineteen. There were very few courses undertaken in the summer, but with the coming of cooler weather Guilds seem to be studying again.

Of the nineteen credits granted up to the end of November, the Alexandria District leads with five. Baton Rouge and Lake Charles have three each. Monroe, New Orleans, and Shreveport have two each, and Lafayette and Ruston have one. There have been seven studies on Basic Christian Beliefs, six on Into All the World Together, three on Luke's Portrait of Christ, and one each on Africa, The Church's Mission in Town and Country, and on Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions. There were 247 Guilders who took the courses for credit, with 65 who visited. This gave 312 who took part in the nineteen studies.

THE MISSION TOUR of the Quadrennium is scheduled this summer for the Guilds of the South Central Jurisdiction. Flight from International Airport will leave San Antonio for Mexico City on June 3. Two glorious weeks will be spent in Mexico, sight seeing and visiting Methodist work there. Among Methodist centers visited will be the school in Puebla and the Gante Street Church in Mexico City. Xoxomilco Gardens, the Pyramids, Taxco, Cuernavaca, San Jose Perua will be other high spots on the tour. Return to San Antonio will be on June 17.

Complete information about the tour has been sent to all District secretaries of Missionary Education. The total cost will be \$259.50, from San Antonio and return. The price includes air fare, hotels (first class), transfers of baggage with tips, sight-seeing, and tips in hotels. No meals are included. A deposit of \$50.00 is asked. All checks should be made payable to Mrs. H. C. Pletz, P. O. Box 8192, San Antonio, and sent with a registration blank. All registrations will be forwarded to Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Jurisdiction Secretary.

The Second tour of the summer will be to Europe and the Holy Land. The climax of this tour will come with the conference of the World Federation of Methodist Women in Oslo from August 17 to 25. It will include London, Paris, Switzerland, Rome, Athens, Beirut, Damascus, Vienna, Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Oslo. Dates for the tour are July 11 through August 26. It will also be directed by Alice Pletz, and will cost \$1795 from New York. A deposit of \$200 will be required at time of registration, and should be sent to Alice Pletz Tours, 815 Travis Bldg., San Antonio.

## HARRIETT RUSSELL WRITES TO US

Editor, Guild Times

Dear Elizabeth and Guild Friends  
of Louisiana

I am sorry that I sometimes have to be prodded to do the things I have been telling myself for a long time that I was going to do. You've been so kind to keep me on your mailing list. I thoroughly enjoyed the September issue, telling about Guild Weekend.

I attended a conference for Directors and Board Presidents for Community Centers in Nashville in June, and met Mike Willis there. We were discussing Guilders and he said he used to receive Guild Times, but had not recently. I told him I would remind you of it. If you haven't done so, please put him back on your mailing list. Please accept this check as a gift for the on-going of your work.

As I entered into my third year here at Mobile County Rural Center, I found myself caught up in planning and action in getting a kindergarten started — a need which has been felt for a long time. Much work has been involved in getting ready our building, the equipment and staff. A local woman is teaching, with some volunteer help and my supervision.

May God richly bless you and the Louisiana Guilders this year.

Sincerely,  
Harriett E. Russell

(Editor: Mike Willis was put back on the mailing list! Many of you will remember Harriett. She was formerly from West Monroe. After retiring from State Welfare Work she offered her services to our Home Mission program and was sent to Mobile Alabama to serve in this Rural Center. Our prayers go with her in her unselfish way of life.)



## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Bee Sandefur, (Mrs. Alvin), District Secretary

TRINITY ALEXANDRIA—Ruth Fullington, Promotion Secretary, reports some interesting activities in this Guild. They have had a meeting with the W. S. C. S. and joined in their project of getting cups and saucers for their church kitchen. They provided a punch bowl, too. They send flowers to their sick members, they have a 6:15 A. M. prayer time and they assist the needy when called on. As an outcome of the study "Basic Christian Beliefs" They are adding at least 13 religious books to the church library.

BUNKIE—Mrs. W. C. Lee reports that J. R. credit has been received for the study of "One World—One Mission", taught by the Missionary Education chairman. Sixteen members enjoyed this class. The Spiritual Life chairman, Mrs. John Lyles, has been handing out pamphlets on that phase of work, has started a religious book exchange among members and as another project she has asked each member, when stopped at a traffic light, to say a prayer for the leaders of our nation. Mrs. O. B. Jones, Chairman, led the study of the Annual report. The Bunkie Guild was invited to Opelousas to hear Dr. Shoemaker and see her pictures of Dr. Vela Cleveland and her work in India. New world banks are now in use. They helped the W. S. C. S. place a U. N. window in a local flower shop. Action following their study was money to Missions and a book "Dr. Ida" to church library.

COLFAX—Miriam Nugent, Promotion Secretary, reports that this Guild is supplying leadership and furnishing refreshments for their M. Y. F. They have gained three new members. Bess Gatlin is president.

JENA—Margaret Anders has sent her last Treasurers and Promotion report from the Jena Guild, as she has moved to Alexandria to be nearer her work. Mrs. Evelyn Tarver takes over this job. I enjoyed my visit to Jena. Mrs. Belvin Steed is President. They have reported a study of the Annual. One of their projects consists of each having taken a name of a female patient at the state colony and are remembering them with cards and gifts.

MONTGOMERY—Mrs. D. H. Hughes reports much interest is being shown in the Studies, and they are using Missionary Audio-Visuals aids.

NATCHITOCHES—Elizabeth Vienne reports two new members and they are settling down for a good year's work.

OAKDALE—Violet Moise reports three new members. They are working on the study, "Basic Christian Beliefs". They are busy and happy with their new church.

PINEVILLE—Irma Chandler, President, invited us to the regular meeting in November. Although their activities are many, a new one was introduced by Louise Jones. She had a list of the kinds of coupons that St. Marks can use and gave one to each member. I'm wondering why more Guild members aren't clipping coupons for St. Marks. Write me if you would like to know the kinds that can be used. Dr. Clyde Adams, Missionary Education chairman, has been hospitalized but is better and back at work. As an outcome of their study of "Basic Christian Beliefs", a religious reading circle has been formed.

POLLOCK—Mrs. Guyon McGorum reports one new member. Mrs. Catherine Futrell is President. Miss Wilmer Robinson was invited to show films of her missionary work. Last year's President, Colleta Dunn, has a baby girl born in October. (A Guild member for 1980)

WINNFIELD—Joyce Rogers reports one new member. They are starting their first study this month. This Guild sponsored the attendance at the church revival by a special effort of contacting and bringing people to the meeting and also with a prayer vigil. Miss Mattie Crowe, C. S. R. chairman, reports that they paid transportation for a colored man who was ill, had no money and was unable to get welfare—to Alexandria to see a doctor.

Our District Coaching Conference held at Pineville 1st Church with Alexandria Guilds assisting, was well attended with a good representation from nine of the eleven Guilds.

Each Guild was asked to bring a Worship Setting and beautiful ones were shown. District Chairmen of the four lines of work held clinics and at the same time the District Secretary held a clinic for Presidents, Treasurers and Promotion Secretaries. Much interest was shown in the new report books.

Again three Guilds in the Alexandria area have united in a study. TRINITY, DORIS BRANTON CIRCLE and the PINEVILLE Guild have just finished "Basic Christian Beliefs" under the guidance of Mrs. Guy Hicks.

Already this District Secretary has had invitations to visit six of the Guilds in this district. It is her hope that each Guild can be visited before March.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Emma P. Mainous, (Mrs. C. G.), District Secretary

KENTWOOD unit was the host group to the District meeting on September 18, 1960.

An Executive meeting was held prior to the regular meeting. Twenty of the twenty-five members of this body were present. Plans for the year in the District were discussed, dates were set for District activities and chairmen of the activities presented their plans for approval by the committee. These plans were later presented to the members at large as recommendations.

At the regular meeting reports were given by delegates to the Conference and Jurisdiction meetings. The District Chairmen of lines of work made interesting reports, highlighting their plans for the year.

Emma Mainous, District Secretary, using a panel of four, presented a program with emphasis on program building. The importance of the interesting program was highlighted. A fellowship hour was enjoyed by the 63 members attending.

On September 26th, a new Guild was organized in BOGALUSA. This was a dream realized for the already organized unit. They had worked on this organization for some time. The officers are: President, Mrs. Audrey Smith; Vice President, Mary Beth Simmons; Recording Secretary, Marilyn McClendon; Treasurer, Mrs. Fred N. Lee.

October was a month to be long remembered in the District. The day apart at Camp Chemekete, near Hammond, was truly a day of inspiration for the 43 members attending. Mrs. Vesta Rownd, District Spiritual Life Chairman and her committee are to be commended for the fine job they did in preparing a program that filled our spiritual need, not to overflowing—but rather, left the desire for more.

October was again important, since, a second Guild unit was organized at First Church, Baton Rouge. The aim of this unit is to involve the younger business woman of the church in the program. Officers are: President—Miss Nena Whittington, V. President, Mrs. Emma Mainous, Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Joyce James, Spiritual Life Chairman, Miss Bertha Mainous, Missionary Education—Miss Dot Truex, Chairman of Christian Social Relations, Miss Dottye Varnado.

AMITE unit reports plans for two studies are being made and that a very busy and interesting Guild program is planned. They are sending Guild Times to the President of W. S. C. S., the Coordinator and the Pastor.

INGLESIDE reports officers training at the home of the President. This group visited Capitol Nursing Home, served refreshments and had a devotional. They gave a memorial for Barbara Bagley, small daughter of a member, who passed away last year.

ISTROUMA unit reports plans for a busy year. They plan to invite a circle leader or an officer of W. S. C. S. to each monthly meeting. P. S. It was my happy privilege to attend the quiet meeting for week of Prayer and Self Denial. Thanks for inviting me.

NORTH BATON ROUGE reports a busy time with the Study on Basic Christian Beliefs, with Istrouma, Ingleside and Winbourne units joining them for the study. This group spends much time helping with the Youth Program.

HAMMOND unit had very special news. One of their members, Miss Edith Robinson was chosen as The Business Woman of the Year. Another Guild member teaches the Fellowship Sunday School Class. This class financed a young Japanese Student. This student graduated this past March, and won a scholarship to Anderson Theological College in Anderson, Indiana. Upon passing the Fulbright examination, he was awarded the Fulbright Travel Grant to America. He is now in America at Anderson where he will obtain the degree of Bachelor of Theology. This group is very proud to have had a part.

WINBOURNE reports much interest in the study with North Baton Rouge. They serve the Men's Club supper and other groups as requested.

FRANKLINTON reports a busy time as they begin the study, "Safe in Bondage." This group assisted with plans for the Bible School classes.

BOGALUSA reports meeting of Executive body to plan for the year. The Vice-President had a meeting to plan the program. Each member will be in charge of a program for the year. Plans are being made for a study course.

KENTWOOD observed a 20th anniversary with a special meeting. It was guest night and the W. S. C. S. members were included. They plan to have fellowship meetings on the 5th Tuesdays of November and May. Two studies are planned for the year.

DENHAM SPRINGS reports a busy year planned. Gifts were sent to all patients at Greenwell Springs Hospital, who are from Livingston Parish. They take an active part in all church activities.



## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Maree White, District Secretary

Guild and W. S. C. S. members in this area were privileged to hear Dr. Esther Shoemaker, medical missionary to Kolar, India, on the evening of September 20, in Opelousas. Dr. Esther, who is one of the most winning and sincere Christians we have ever met, captivated her audience with her simplicity of approach and her straightforward appeal. All of us were particularly interested



DR. ESTHER SHOEMAKER

in hearing about and in seeing the pictures of the work Dr. Shoemaker does along with our own Louisiana Guild missionary, Dr. Vela Cleveland. The Opelousas Guild arranged for the address and had a reception honoring Dr. Esther following the talk and the showing of slides. Guild and W. S. C. S. people attended from Rayne, New Iberia, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Port Barre, and Bunkie.

The Lafayette District fall coaching conference was entertained by the Abbeville Guild. In spite of rainy weather, members attended from all units in the district. Program planning for this meeting was under the direction of Miss Marjorie Holloway, President of the Lafayette Guild.

After the opening prayer by Rev. Henry Bowden, Jr., pastor of the Abbeville Church, a short business session was held. The meeting then moved into the coaching session, which took the form of four demonstrations, using role playing as well as actual local unit situations:

First there was a demonstration Program Planning Committee meeting put on by the Opelousas Guild under the direction of Miss Dorothy Dunbar, president.

Then the Rayne Guild, led by Mrs. Jewel Carver, put on a regular monthly program, introducing a very adaptable technique of group participation. The Worship part of this program was the devotional for the district meeting. Next, an executive committee meeting was demonstrated in which the Lafayette Guild had the W. S. C. S. district Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Catherine Thomas, explain the new Promotion Secretary's report forms. Miss Marjorie Holloway presided over this meeting.

Finally, the New Iberia Guild gave a business session demonstration. Mrs. Ernie Fremin, president of the unit, presided.

All four of these groups very ably showed how these meetings should be conducted. The value of their efforts was shown by the interest that all present felt; many were seen taking notes, obviously being helped by the "coaching" that their fellow Guild members were giving.

The closing prayer was given by Mrs. Buddy Meaux, President of the Abbeville W. S. C. S., after which the hostess group provided a very pleasant fellowship hour.

The Opelousas Guild participated in a city-wide UNICEF drive on Halloween night, co-operating with women and children of other denominations to raise a nice sum for this worthy program of overseas relief among needy children of the world. We were happy to hear Dr. Shoemaker report the use of UNICEF milk among the needy children in her field of service.

On November 5 the Opelousas unit sponsored a Gumbo, the proceeds of which will go toward bringing a ministerial student to their church to conduct a summer youth program. This is a new project spearheaded by the local Guild in the field of Local Church Activities. Who can measure the far-reaching effects that such a program might have for the Christian cause?

New Iberia added six new members to its roll at one meeting, at which time an impressive ritual for the reception of new members was led by Mrs. Ernie Fremin, president. Although this unit transferred one member to the W. S. C. S. and lost one who moved away, the members are exemplifying the value of prayer, interest, and effort in the addition of these to their membership. District-wide, there were twelve new members added with only eight lost, making a net gain.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Grace M. Lawson, District Secretary

Guild members in the Lake Charles District are having a busy year. During October and November we held three Coaching Conferences, one in each corner of the district. Registration at the three meetings totaled 95, and all but one of fifteen units were represented at one or more of the meetings. Mrs. Rosa McCullough, district Chairman of Spiritual Life; Miss Laura Lynch, district Chairman of Supplies; and Mrs. Eva Stocking, district Recording Secretary attended all three meetings and assisted the District Secretary in presenting the program.

The first meeting, held in DeRidder on October 16, was attended by Mrs. A. J. McGrede, District President, and Mrs. T. A. Sartor, Jr., District Treasurer. They presented parts of the program and served as resource persons. The Susie Jones Unit and the Maye Youngblood Unit served as co-hostesses for this meeting and the DeQuincy and Leesville Guilds were in attendance.

At the second meeting, held in Lake Arthur, with Jennings, Welsh and Gueydan attending, the local Guild was hostess. Mrs. Ida Hardee of Gueydan, a member of the District Guild Committee, served as resource person. Mrs. Eric Smith, district Chairman of Christian Social Relations, presented her line of work at this and the final meeting held at Simpson Church in Lake Charles on November 13.

At the Lake Charles meeting Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr. and Mrs. J. Glenn Williams served as resource persons and Mrs. Lucy Oakley, district Chairman of Missionary Education presented her line of work.

At each of the meetings the conversation usually got around to "Spring Meeting." The local committees in Lake Charles seem to have everything well in hand. We hope to see everybody in Lake Charles on March 18 and 19, and we will try to do our part to make the meeting a high light of the year as it always is.

Some of you may not know that Frances Ann Smith arrived in Dequincy early in September. Everyone who has seen her says she is a mighty sweet baby. Proud mother is Dorothy Bengtson Smith, former district secretary.

Lake Charles District reported 100% in November. The reports indicated some weaknesses and we are working on those.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Zella Cotton, (Mrs. W. A.), District Secretary

The Coaching Conference of Monroe District, held at First Church, Monroe, was most successful. We had 69 registered, representing 12 units: Bastrop, Mer Rouge, Oak Grove, Rayville, Tallulah, West Monroe, Monroe Guilds: First Church, Unit No. 1, Elizabeth Langford Unit, Gordon Avenue, Memorial and Southside. We were fortunate in having with us Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary, Arline Tyler, Jurisdiction and Conference Spiritual Life Chairman, as well as our own Agnes Miller, Conference Missionary Education Chairman and Elizabeth Langford, Conference Editor of Guild Times. We also welcomed two W. S. C. S. district officers—Mrs. A. J. Harper, the President and Mrs. S. B. Dampier, Secretary of Promotion. We regretted the absence of Ruth Guthrie, Conference Chairman of Supply Work, whose husband was quite ill at the time. With all these wonderfully devoted women instructing and leading us, we came away from the conference well informed and inspired to do better Guild work. First Church was responsible for the very attractive worship setting, while the Guilds of Gordon Avenue, Southside, Memorial and West Monroe furnished refreshments for the fellowship hour which closed the conference.

January, our Guild month, will soon be here. Let every Guild make plans for some special observance.

On September 19th, Sara Kennon, Unit 1, First Church, Monroe, received a very special honor. At that time she had completed 20 years with the Ouachita Parish Welfare Department and was awarded a 20 year certificate and service pen. Her co-workers honored her with a party and the gift of a silver mint dish.

Our Tallulah Guild president, Mrs. Erle (Ruth) Read, breaks into print quite often, as Staff Correspondent to the Monroe News-Star—World. She recently edited an article entitled "In Tallulah—Area Landmark is Being Razed" which told, in glowing manner, of the pre-Civil War residence of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Edward Adams. We are quite proud of Ruth's unusual ability as a writer.

The Tallulah Guild held a rummage sale on October 15th and netted \$70.00. Their members cooperated with the W. S. C. S. in sponsoring a church booth, selling meals, at the Louisiana

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## MONROE DISTRICT

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Delta Fair. Guilders contributed cash, food and services. They sponsored Trick or Treat for UNICEF on Halloween for the Primary and Junior Departments of the Sunday School, collecting over \$28. This was preceded by instruction on how UNICEF helps needy children all over the world and the project was an outgrowth of the United Nations Study of last year.

I was fortunate to be the guest of the Lake Providence Guild in their November meeting. They are a dedicated group of women doing a good work and anxious to move forward. For their Christmas project they will visit their shut-ins and take gifts. They also adopted a family for Christmas and will remember them with food and clothing.

Memorial Guild—Monroe—has been especially busy. They were in charge of the Coffee Hour when the district W. S. C. S. held their Seminar in their church in September. That same day they furnished lunch to the Wesley Foundation Students at N.L.S.C. They have just completed a Study for J. R. Credit.

First Church—Monroe—completed their study on "Into All the World Together" with their two units and 2 members from West Monroe Guild participating. Agnes Miller was the teacher and Mary Lee Barbee in charge of program. The worship settings and opening devotionals added much to the success of the Study. First Church Guilds united with their W. S. C. S. ladies in giving a beautiful 20th Anniversary Tea in the spacious new home of the James A. Noe's, on November 15th.

Southside Guild—Monroe—reveals all of its busy happenings in their monthly "Guild-O-Gram", edited by Mae Good and Myrtie Mae Foster. Their September meeting featured a covered-dish supper, with the District Secretary as guest speaker. Their Guild conducted an 18-hour prayer vigil in the Chapter preceding their revival.

Rayville Guild opened its fall season with a covered-dish Supper in their new Educational Building, with Mrs. Basil Doles, Mrs. R. E. O'Connor, Mrs. Sidney Reech and Mrs. Archie Owens as hostesses. The program was based on the theme "The World In Our Midst". A lovely worship setting drew attention to the theme. Mrs. W. L. Haley, co-ordinator, gave the theme devotional and Mrs. J. L. Harrell led in singing "O Word of God Incarnate." Mrs. W. D. Cotton and Mrs. J. B. Thompson gave high-lights of the School of Missions they attended at Centenary. The program closed with an impressive candle lighted ceremony during which each member drew a card from a silver tray which revealed the name of her partner for the coming year . . .

## GUILD TIMES NEWS



RE: PICTURE . . . IT'S THE KODAK and not me that I want you to see!! Guilds of the Shreveport District gave me a thrill when they sent me a Twin-20 Kodak, with flash bulb attachment, as a gift from the district. Since it was postmarked Mansfield, I'm sure my unofficial photographer at all conference gatherings—Elizabeth Lowrey—had something to do with the idea. My hearty thanks go to all Guilds in Shreveport District. You'll see me using it often everywhere I go.

WHAT ABOUT GUILD TIMES? Our drive for 60-61 subscriptions is over. Some districts did a swell job, and some have disappointed me. My goal for 750 subscriptions (so that we could be self-supporting) was not quite reached. We have 678 PAID subscriptions. I'll give you a count by district at the Spring Meeting.

We feel humbly proud of the fine things you continue to say about Guild Times. I wish I had space in which to quote many of you. Don't let it be "just another subscription". But use it in promoting the work of Louisiana Guilds. Follow the directions of your conference chairmen, and district secretaries. USE GUILD TIMES to make better Guilds, more Guilds, and more dedicated Christian women of your members.

At Lake Charles I'll have more blue binders in which to keep your Guild Times. Be ready to buy one there, 40c each. See you at the Spiritual Retreat in January, and at the Spring Meeting in March. God bless you every one.

Elizabeth Langford  
GUILD TIMES EDITOR

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

## CARROLLTON

Grace Reidenauer, Reporter—Carrollton has been very busy recently with its local Guild projects and activity participating in the many district functions.

A Baby Membership was presented to Lisa Mott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mott, Jr., and granddaughter of two Guild members, Mrs. Vi Jackson, President, and Mrs. W. S. Mott, Sr.

An Adult Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Eugene (Geraldine Rivet) Hart, as a remembrance gift as she left to make her home in Texas.



MR. A. L. CLEVELAND, SR.  
and MISS EMMA KUNTZ

On Saturday, September 17, we were privileged to have Dr. Esther Shoemaker, missionary on furlough from Kolar, India, present a program of color slides. Over 100 persons were present. Mr. Arthur L. Cleveland, Sr., Vela's father, visited in New Orleans for the event and was presented with an Adult Life Membership at this time. Following the program a reception was held for the honored guests, including Dr. Shoemaker, Mr. Cleveland, Bishop and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton and Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Galloway, District Superintendent. We were happy to have collected a love offering of \$116.25 for Dr. Shoemaker to help defray her expenses.

## GRETNA

Beverly Biehler, President—As a fund raising project, recently, litter bags were sold by members of Gretna Guild. During November members

will be responsible for placing flowers on the altar in the sanctuary. Beverly Biehler received a certificate of recognition for a church workers' study held September 26-28 on How to Read and Study the Bible, given by Mrs. Naomi Levy.

## FIRST METHODIST

Edith Sigbjørnsen, Reporter—Of course, the most important news from First Church, at the present time, is the opening of our new church at 3401 Canal Street. We had special meetings both morning and evening for the entire week of October 31st bringing back to our church former pastors of both the old Faith Methodist and Canal Street churches.

Since June of this year, we have added nine new members to our guild, and we are hopeful of securing more new members with each month.

## METAIRIE

Mrs. Marilyn Shaw, President—At the meeting held Wednesday, September 7, newly elected officers of Metairie Guild were installed by the District Secretary, Mildred Evans. The meeting was opened with an inspiring devotional given by Mrs. DeEllo Simon, District Spiritual Life Chairman. After the business session, Mrs. Louise Baldrige, District Missionary Education and Service Chairman, gave a brief presentation of the studies, Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions, Basic Christian Beliefs, and Alcohol and Christian Responsibility. Mildred Evans gave a brief presentation of Into All the World Together. A period of fellowship was held after the meeting and installation, with refreshments being served.

## MUNHOLLAND

Mrs. June Smith, Reporter—An Honorary Life Membership was given to Mrs. Mabel Harris, wife of the former pastor of Munholland Memorial Methodist Church. Mrs. Dorothy Blanchard, presented the pin to Mrs. Harris in Arkansas.

The Guild helped finance refreshments for the Vacation Bible School, and participated in a reception for their new pastor, Rev. A. W. Townsend.

Members participated in entertaining Dr. Esther Shoemaker on recent visit, September 18. Supper was served for 25 people and Dr. Shoemaker, at which time we were able to hear more from and become better acquainted with this charming woman.

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## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

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## RAYNE MEMORIAL

Willie Ray Jones, Reporter—Rayne Memorial held meetings throughout the summer months even though many were on vacation. At two meetings the members rolled a number of bandages to be sent to India.

We had a very enthusiastic meeting in September — our most helpful, and greatly appreciated coordinator, Mrs. Roberta Jernigan, prepared a delicious dinner for us. Our assistant pastor, and the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Grant visited with us. We observed the 20th Anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service October 23 with a tea.

Our first study will be Basic Christian Beliefs, to be held October 17 to November 7, taught by our assistant pastor, Rev. Coppage.

We closed the year with all obligations paid and gave Adult Life Memberships to Mrs. Margaret Dismukes and Mrs. Lucille Wells. We also gave contributions to St. Mark's Community Center and a gift of \$25.00 toward a new church organ.

## SECOND

Mildred Evans, Reporter—Four members attended the District study "Into All the World Together" for which Second hopes to receive JR Credit.

A mental patient is being adopted through the Louisiana Mental Health Association, by the members, and paper back books and magazines are being collected at the monthly meetings for the Association for distribution to mental hospitals.

We are happy that Mrs. W. Marks, President of the W. S. C. S. is making good progress in recovery from a serious illness. We pray that she will soon be returned to good health.

We are happy to report the recovery of our President, Kathryn Wallace, from an operation.

At our last meeting in October, we welcomed a new member, Mrs. Ora Capella.

## ST. LUKE'S

Mrs. Kathryn Huey, President—St. Luke's welcomed two new members to their midst.

Their former President, Gloria Flurry, was married on August 27, to Mr. Robert Paul Normann, at the First Methodist Church in Alexandria, La., with her father, Rev. Samuel Flurry officiating. We wish for Gloria and her husband every happiness and blessing.

Mrs. R. S. Wade is teaching the study "Basic Christian Beliefs."

## DISTRICT NEWS

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

The Louisiana Conference School of Missions and Christian Service held at Centenary College, Shreveport, La., August 15-19, 1960, was attended by Louise Baldrige, District Missionary Education and Service Chairman; Irene Burns, District Christian Social Relations Chairman; Beverly Biehler, President of Gretna Guild; Emma Kuntz, Coordinator of Carrollton Guild; Mildred Evans, District Secretary, each receiving certificates for the studies in which they enrolled.

The fall district meeting and coaching conference was held at Covington Methodist Church, on Sunday, October 23.

We were happy to meet with Covington Guild, as host, where we had a good meeting and wonderful fellowship.

We have just completed a District wide study "Into All The World Together" conducted at the Church House, on four consecutive Tuesday's, beginning October 11, and ending November 1. The study was taught by Mildred Evans, assisted by Miss Emma Kuntz, Carrollton Methodist Church, and Mrs. Louise Baldrige, District Missionary Education and Service Chairman. Devotionals were in charge of DeEllo Simon, Spiritual Life Chairman for the District. Organist was Jennie Pittelkow of Carrollton. Beverly Biehler of Gretna was in charge of the committee on action. Elizabeth Beard of First Methodist was Secretary. Lillian Gaines of Carrollton was in charge of the drama committee. This was our first attempt at a District wide study and we were pleased with the attendance, which was good, and the participation by those attending was excellent. In addition to our own Guild members, we had several members from the W. S. C. S. We hope to have several JR Credits as a result.

A visit to Dulac Community Center is planned for Sunday, November 13, at which time good used clothing will be taken for the Center.

Plans are being made for the observance of Guild Month in January by the District.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

NOEL FIRST CHURCH—Noel and First Church Units enjoyed a joint study with Noel as the hostess unit. The study on Basic Christian Beliefs was conducted on a church wide basis. The class was taught by Reverend Woodrow Hearn, Minister of Religious Education at First Church. The groups met on four successive Sunday evenings at Noel Church. Following the study a brief worship was held. A fifth session with assigned studies was set up independently by each Unit. The experience was very satisfactory from the point of fellowship and joint effort.

HAUGHTON—The Haughton Unit has taken the pastor's study as a project for the year. They plan to remodel and refurnish the study which is in the church building.

ZWOLLE—The Zwolle Unit is having a family night fellowship following the monthly meeting of the Guild.

CURTIS PARK—The Guild participated in the program of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial which was held as a Sunday night service in their Church.

PARK AVENUE—This Unit is helping with the purchase of a tape-recorder for the church.

SUMMER GROVE—In co-operation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service this Unit held an open house at their new church parsonage in September.



CHARTER MEMBERS OF MANSFIELD GUILD—  
Left to right: Mrs. Mojie Weise Ford, Mrs. Ellie Earle Sheppard, Miss Elizabeth Lowrey and Mrs. Bert Webster.

Elizabeth Lowrey Reporting

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Mansfield church held its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening, November 17, in the Educational building. This meeting celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Mansfield Guild, the first to be organized in the Shreveport District. Special invitations in the form of an acrostic written by Mrs. George McKinnon were sent to each past president, each charter member and all present members.

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## "GOD CALLS TO WITNESS AND SERVICE" ...

AND THE CALL WAS ANSWERED BY  
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN  
SERVICE GUILD WOMEN

... from every part of the state they came! In spite of storm warnings and heavy rains preceding, the 10th ANNUAL SPRING MEETING totaled a registration of 240 with many visitors. The Guilds of the Lake Charles District, with Miss Grace Lawson District Secretary and Mrs. Helen Adams Preston, General Chairman, did a magnificent job of hosting the conference. Every phase of the program was introduced with a challenging theme of witnessing and service.

We arrived on the heels of the 21st Annual Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and were most fortunate in having their officers who serve on our Guild Committee to remain for our meeting. Added to this fellowship was the inspiration given us by our guest speakers. Mrs. Milton Randolph of the Upper Room, Nashville, inspired us with "God's Call to Woman". She was a splendid example of one woman who had answered God's call. Then we turned our attention to the Congo as Miss Marianna White, returned missionary, unfolded to us her years of experience as a teacher in that great continent of Africa. When conditions permit she hopes to return to the Congo and our prayers go with her.

Mrs. Julia Reid Paxton lifted up the Conference theme at the quiet breakfast by using most effectively the theme "The Style of Living".

Sunday morning Dr. Carl Lueg, pastor of First Methodist, reminded us of our great heritage of a singing faith as he used the text "How To Tell A Methodist".

Behind the scenes of any conference you have the officers that "make the wheels turn". Your Conference Committee, with Miss Sue Batton presiding, was busy every minute from the time that the Committee met Saturday morning at 10:30 until the last goodbyes were said. Because of their efficiency and knowledge of Guild work much was accomplished and we say thank you to the entire Guild Committee.

We regretted the absence of Mrs. Adele Nugent (Ruston District Secretary) and Mrs. Ruth Guthrie (Supply Chairman) who were ill. Their reports were made by Mrs. Boots Guthrie and Mrs. Minza Rabun.

Saturday evening the Pledge Service recorded the following by districts: Alexandria—\$1,800.00; Baton Rouge—\$2,500.00; Lafayette—\$1,000.00; Lake Charles—\$2,000.00; Monroe—\$2,200.00; New Orleans—\$2,150.00; Ruston—\$2,150.00; Shreveport—\$2,800.00. Totaling a Conference Pledge of \$16,000.00.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Conference President, and Mrs. Herbert C. Loyd, Treasurer, accepted these pledges from the eight district secretaries and Miss Sue Batton. Following an impressive evening service the conference received Communion at the altar, thus appropriately closing a day of dedication and witness. The Communion offering totaled \$194.52.

THE CORSAGES FOR MISSIONS brought in \$140.00 in additional giving.

In recognition of their service to the Guilds the Conference honored Miss Arline Tyler, retiring Spiritual Life Chairman, and Mrs. J. H. McSween, retiring Treasurer, by giving \$200 to Missions in their names. Miss Mildred Evans of New Orleans was elected to succeed Miss Tyler as Spiritual Life Chairman.

At the business session 2 delegates (Mrs. Bee Sandefur and Mrs. Emma Mainous) and 2 alternates (Miss Maree White and Mrs. Zella Cotton) were elected to represent the Conference at Jurisdiction Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah June 24-25. Miss Sue Batton, and the Conference chairmen of Lines of Work will be among those going to Mt. Sequoyah.

Pictures taken at the Conference, and further reports will be given in the July issue. Your editor has run out of space!

### MISS LILLIAN JOHNSON WRITES US

(At the invitation of your editor, Miss Johnson wrote the following letter to Louisiana Guilders. It was omitted from the January issue. Those of us who know "Lillian" appreciate her fine leadership in Wesleyan Service Guild work, as she directs our program at General office. Her letter throws out a challenge to Louisiana Guilders.)

From our Woman's Division in New York our Executive Secretary visits us by letter:

Dear Friends of Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guild:

I am happy to greet you in your Guild Month issue of the GUILD TIMES. I also want to take the opportunity to greet the editor, to congratulate her on this excellent paper, and to thank her for sending it to me regularly.

As I am jotting down these few lines to send to Elizabeth, my mind is still on the meeting of the Committee on Finance that we have had today. This meeting is always an extremely interesting one, for it is the time when all the askings from missionaries, deaconesses, and other workers are studied. As we listen to the reports from the departments and the Section of the Woman's Division, and as we examine the dockets prepared for this meeting, we get a picture of what is happening around the world because of our giving. The work you are doing is really wonderful, and you should be very happy about the part you are taking.

However, there has also been sadness for us today, as one executive secretary after the other tells of the needs we are not able to meet. When we have to slash budgets and tell our workers we cannot supply many things they need in order to reach out with the gospel of Christ, we wish there were some way to awaken people to the needs of others and to force them to compare our abundance with our brother's want. I do not mean to "preach" about the giving, but I know that tonight this matter weighs heavily on the minds and hearts of all those who attended this meeting today.

In September, the new members of the Woman's Division Guild Committee were elected. I am personally very pleased with the choices that were made, although there were others we also would like to have had as members of the committee. Those who did the choosing had a difficult time in making decisions. But there will be other times for some of these capable people to serve on the committee and there are always places where such Guild members can make their contribution.

One of the newly elected members of the committee said today that she feels we have a wonderful opportunity in the Wesleyan Service Guild right now, and that she feels a great challenge in being asked to work in this spot. In recognition of this opportunity, the Woman's Division has made possible the development of our program in several different ways, such as the inclusion of the chairmen of three lines of work in the pattern for the school of missions. (This, too, is an added expense the Guild should Face!) We hope the Guild will take advantage of this new possibility for leadership training.

Your conference secretary and I have had a delightful correspondence during her term of office. Once or twice we have printed in The METHODIST WOMAN the little notes she adds when she sends her reports. There is always an optimistic and refreshing outlook in her reports of the work of your conference. I feel that this is not only because of her nature, but that she reflects the spirit of your conference Guild as well. May you continue with God's blessing the fine work you have been doing.

Sincerely yours,  
Lillian A. Johnson



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

It is always a joy and privilege to pause for a moment and visit you. Of course I am very busy getting lined up for our Annual Spring Conference in Lake Charles, and looking forward to being in another Annual Conference. We have many important items to bring up, so we must be much in prayer for the conference.

If you have elected your officers on the local and district levels please send me a complete list and be sure and state the date of the ORGANIZATION OF YOUR UNIT, and the membership. It is very important to have a correct list, not only for use in our Annual which will be compiled in April, but it is my responsibility to send a complete list to the New York office, and last year very few were completely filled out.

As officers and committee chairmen on local, district and conference levels we accepted a responsibility, and it is very true—the one depends upon the other to a large degree—if one fails then the work of the whole conference is crippled.

**REPORTS:** It will soon be report time again. Were you satisfied with your last reports—were they all accurately filled out—and WERE THEY ON TIME? This is also very important as we have a time limit, and if your report comes to me four days late, then your conference secretary only has ONE day to compile, correct and get off to the New York Office and Jurisdiction Secretary. As business women you can see this is impossible. We are doing the work, but failing to report it accurately and on time. Will you help me correct this?

**HANDBOOK**—Have you received your copy? They are available at Literature Headquarters for only 50c. Each officer and member should have one.

**WORLD BANKS:** Are you using the World Banks? It is a good way to increase your giving above your pledge and promote an increase in Missions.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Are you satisfied with what you have done in your Unit or district about membership? This should be of great concern to us. Some district secretaries have sent out SMALL TEAMS to cultivate and organize new Guilds. Have you used the same procedure? I have checked with many pastors within the Conference and find we should, or could, have at least fifty or more new Guilds.

**DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING PLAN:** You will hear more about the Leadership Training after our Jurisdiction Guild Secretary returns from Leadership Training Conference in Connecticut, March 6-10.

**SEMINAR IN MINATURE:** Have you planned a "Seminar in Minature" on The Family in a World of Rapid Social Change.

Thanks for your consideration, your love and your prayers.

Sue Batton

Louisiana Conference Guild Secretary

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Agnes Miller, (Mrs. Austin), Conference Chairman

The New Guild Handbook for the Quadrennium is now available. It presents clear explanations of the different phases of Missionary Education that will be of very real help to every Guild.

Resource publications for the studies are stressed in the new Handbook. These are the PROGRAM BOOK, THE METHODIST WOMAN, the WORLD OUTLOOK, the DO YOU KNOW? pamphlets, and the ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE. Especially helpful are the articles in the METHODIST WOMAN and the WORLD OUTLOOK written for each of the studies in turn throughout the year.

JR Studies continue to come in steadily. Credits earned by districts from June 1 through March 4 of this conference year are: Alexandria—8, Baton Rouge—8, Lafayette—3, Lake Charles—4, Monroe—4, New Orleans—5, Ruston—3, and Shreveport—7.

This gives a total of 42 Jurisdictional Credits. Of these 23 have been reported since the first of December. To date 305 Guilders have taken courses for credit. Three hundred guests have also attended the sessions.

## SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT HODGES GARDENS

"If with all your heart ye truly seek Him" was the theme of the first Conference Spiritual Retreat held the weekend of January 21-22 at Hodges Gardens, near Many, Louisiana. The beautiful, majestic, natural setting surrounding the lodge on the lake created a worshipful atmosphere for the forty-eight Guild officers and members who came from every part of the conference.

Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Spiritual Life Chairman, directed every detail of the Retreat with the capable assistance of Mrs. T. Haller Jackson of Shreveport and our Conference Secretary, Miss Sue Batton. The Prayer Time and periods of meditation were led by Mrs. Dana Dawson of Shreveport. In her dedicated manner she made prayer a real experience, as she guided the thinking of the group. Her rich experience as the wife of a minister and bishop were woven into her informal talks. The logs burning in the huge brick fire-place warmed our bodies as words of Christian love warmed our hearts.

The meals, served buffet style, were wonderful. The spacious sleeping quarters on either side of the lounge were delightful. The tables in the lounge were made more attractive by large arrangements of camellias from the Hodges gardens. An interlude of enjoyment was afforded the group on Sunday morning when Mr. and Mrs. Hodges invited us to a Coffee at their home across the lake. As the 48 Guilders crowded on the ferry Mr. Hodges stood at the landing to extend each a personal welcome. To know Mr. and Mrs. Hodges is to know the ideal host and hostess. Their beautiful and spacious home seemed to radiate charm and hospitality. His dedication to the ideal of making his gardens the beauty-spot of the south for all to enjoy is evident on every hand.

On Sunday afternoon when our cars headed homeward we were grateful for a spiritual retreat that drew us so closely together spiritually in such a beautiful garden spot. Truly God smiled upon us and our service to the conference as Guild workers will be richer and finer because we sought Him and found Him with all our hearts.

## WANTA MAKE PRALINES?

Louisiana Conference Guild members cannot come together without there also appearing good eats, electric gadgets for coffee making, etc., etc. The prize dish appearing at Hodges Gardens was brought by Rosa McCullough of DeRidder Guild. Her sister, Lou Bienvenu of the Susie Jones Guild, DeRidder, made the famous pralines. Of course we promised to put the recipe in Guild Times, so here 'tis.

Mexican Pralines—(Lou Bienvenu, Susie Jones Guild, DeRidder)

Combine in saucepan 2 cups granulated sugar and 1 small can of evaporated milk plus enough water to make one cup. Start it cooking on a medium fire.

In a heavy skillet put 1 cup sugar and caramelize. Remove first mixture from fire and SLOWLY add the melted sugar. (This must be done off the fire, and slowly, as it boils up). Return to fire and cook until it forms a soft ball in cold water—if a candy thermometer is used, cook until 1½ notches above soft ball mark. Remove from fire and add about 1/3 stick of butter, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 4 cups pecans. Stir until mixture changes color and consistency. Drop by spoonfuls onto waxed paper.

The following is a picture of six Guild members from the Lake Charles District, taken at Hodges Gardens.



(left to right) Helen Adams Preston, Sarah Gaunt, Eva Bryan, Grace Lawson (District Secretary) Evelyn Chaney and Rosa McCullough



## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Arline Tyler, Conference Chairman

### FRUITS OF SERVICE

In seeking to "quicken the spiritual life", as your conference chairman of spiritual life there has come to me:

**ABUNDANT LIFE.** Abundant in inner resources—not possessions, honors, and such—but something sure, steady, sufficient; something that outer circumstances can neither reach nor disturb. "I am come that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

**ABUNDANT JOY.** A deeper than the annoyances, disappointments, and failures. Joy springing from sincerity, fidelity, and selflessness in service. "These things have I spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

**ABUNDANT SHARING.** In giving away this abundant life—given freely, lavishly, gladly—to anyone, anywhere, is sharing in its highest and noblest sense. "For whosoever would save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it."

**ABUNDANT FELLOWSHIP:** Fellowship in laughter, in travel, in sorrow, in prayer, in worship, in service, in singing. Fellowship with individuals, with Units, with districts, with committees, and with the entire conference—all has been and will continue to be a treasure not made with hands.

These abundants—are the fruits that have been harvested from this service. Fruits that I shall cherish always. With a thankful heart I take these and leave with you this **ENTREATY:** That we all stand fast in the faith that has undersigned our efforts; continue in prayer; to witness and in service; to support our incoming chairman with our prayers, our love, and our cooperation that we may be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed" . . . and my love.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Ruth B. Cowell, (Mrs. E. T.), Conference Chairman

Dear Chairman of Christian Social Relations:

A short report this time . . . just to remind you that Miss Clara McNeil, Jurisdictional Secretary, is advocating miniature seminars on some pertinent phase of the family in a world of rapid change. What local issues need discussing?

This is just a thought-provoker. Keep up with your Methodist Woman—a letter will be forthcoming.

Much should be gained at the Spring Meeting. I hope you are planning to attend. The inspiration you gain there will help you to make the last quarter the strongest of the year.

Won't you pray for me and our work in Christian Social Relations.

Ruth B. Cowell,  
Conference Chairman  
Christian Social Relations

## TWO NEW GUILDS IN BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

In our last Guild Times issue we reported these 2 Guilds. Here we give you the picture of the officers of the Doris Crichlow Guild of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church in Bogalusa.



(L. to R.) Mrs. Frederick Lee, Treasurer; Mrs. T. Coleman Knight, Co-ordinator; Mrs. Bobbye Hutchinson, Vice President; and Mrs. Leverett Smith, President. Mrs. Mizell, Secretary, was not present when the picture was taken.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Maree White, District Secretary

Lafayette District has been going forward in Guild work in its part of the state. We have five active groups, each full of enthusiasm and interested in the program and activities.

We are looking forward to our spring meeting in Lafayette, where Miss Marjorie Holloway is president of the First Church unit. Our speaker will be Mrs. W. B. Landrum, a field worker in the Woman's Division of Christian Service. This occasion will be on Sunday afternoon, April 16—we invite all who can to attend.

Five members from our district attended the Conference Prayer Retreat at Hodges Gardens in January; needless to say, we all found this a time of wonderful spiritual enrichment.

Guild Month was observed. The New Iberia president, Mrs. Ernie Fremin, sent clippings and accounts of their January activities which included: an anniversary party; special notices in the church bulletin; display of the Guild emblem in the church; the singing of the Guild Hymn by the Herald Choir; a radio program during which the president, the vice-president, and the promotion secretary explained the purpose, program, and activities of Guild, extending an invitation to prospective members. The WSCS was hostess to the Guild on one evening, at which time an impressive candlelight service was presented.

### ON OUR "KNOWN SICK LIST"

We don't always know about our Guild members who journey to the hospital, or spend extended time abed with illness, but the following we have heard about and are happy to report that they have written "past history" across their sick charts:

Miss Mary Searles . . . . . Minden Wesleyan Service Guild  
Miss Dorothy Dunbar . . . . . Opelousas Wesleyan Service Guild  
Miss Grace Cook . . . . . First Church, Baton Rouge,  
Wesleyan Service Guild  
Miss Tennie V Severtson . . . . . First Church, Monroe  
Wesleyan Service Guild

. . . and the officers of Unit 2, First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge:



(L. to R.) Miss Bertha Mainous, Spiritual Life Chairman; Miss Joyce James, Recording Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Truex, Missionary Education Chairman; Mrs. Emma Mainous, Vice President; Miss Nena Whittington, President. (Miss Dottie Varnado, Chairman of Christian Social Relations, not pictured.)

We congratulate Baton Rouge District and the District Secretary on these two new Guilds. Both of these churches already had active Guilds, but they saw a need to make way for the younger women of the church by offering them the great opportunities of Christian and Missionary Service through the Wesleyan Service Guild.



## SUPPLY WORK

Ruth Guthrie, (Mrs. T. D.), Conference Chairman

APRIL!! Time for the fourth quarter's report; time to check back over the year's work to see if we have weakened any where along the road. The first mile may have been easy, but—what about "THE SECOND MILE"; Beginning on the LOCAL LEVEL lets check together and see;

Local Chairman of Supply Work, did you present the ASKINGS to your group in an interesting and informing way letting them know how their cash for Supply Work will be spent?

Did your Guild give a small contribution to the "MAGAZINE AND PICTURE FUND"? If not, some MISSIONARY MAY GO WITHOUT THE PROPER PICTURES AND THE USE OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Has your Guild met their ASKINGS in full? If not, be sure that they are completed in this last quarter, and reported properly and on time, to be included in this year's work.

Did your Guild send any CASH UNDESIGNATED to be used for emergency needs?

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN OF SUPPLY WORK, did you make the proper division of CASH Supply Askings among your local Guilds the beginning of the year?

Did you send out information explaining the needs of cash and how it is to be used by the Institution receiving it?

Have you checked with your District Treasurer to see if all cash is being properly channeled to SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS?

Now, on the Conference Level; as your Conference Chairman, I have checked back over the three quarter period and note that we have gone over the top in our Askings to Lucknow Conference, India; that is good! Let's see if we can go over the top in giving to Epworth Village and Dulac, also, let's try to make a 100% in ALL Guilds contributing to the Magazine and Picture Fund. Then—we may say "Well Done, the Second Mile has been run."

Before time for the first quarter's report for the New Year, 1961-62, NEW ASKINGS will be channeled to you. At the beginning of the year make plans to raise money for your assigned Askings. ASKINGS are the NEEDS of our Institutions, and if not met—then we have fallen down on our responsibility; please do not be the one to let an Institution go lacking for cash that you should have supplied.

Emergencies arise every day for which there is no cash available. You may help care for these emergency needs if you will:

S end extra money each quarter and say,  
U ndesignated cash to be spent to-day.  
P urchase materials where ever the need;  
P roviding our workers who must take the lead.  
L et Christ enter in and hear your prayer.  
Y our's will be answered both here and there.

W hether it be Africa, India, Pakistan, Nepal,  
O r Japan, Latin America, Korea, Asia, and All;  
R emember the needs are basically the same.  
K eep SUPPLY CASH going in HIS DEAR NAME."

## IN MEMORIAM

F. G. Phillips ..... husband of Ruby Phillips—Plain Dealing Wesleyan Service Guild

Barney Perkins ..... husband of Merle Perkins—Susie Jones Wesleyan Service Guild, DeRidder

Willie May Porter ..... Retired deaconess of Monroe, Louisiana. Sister to Miss Juanita Porter. Willie Mae served in several conferences throughout Methodism for 30 years as deaconess and educational director.

Mrs. Louis Fowler (Mabel), a member of the New Iberia unit. A brother of Mrs. Thelma Thomas of Abbeville was killed in an automobile accident.

Harper Cox—brother of Mrs. Edith Key, President of Jonesboro Guild.

Alfred E. Carlson ..... husband of Laverne Carlson—DeQuincy.

Miss Nelle Coulter, of Monroe—case-worker trainee at MacDonell School in Houma was among those present at the Annual Guild Meeting. We suggest that you write and ask to be put on the mailing list of "Over the Coffee Cups" so you can know about the fine work going on at MacDonell School.

## GUILD JOINS THOUSAND CLUB

(Clipped from the First Church Baton Rouge Church Bulletin:

Our Wesleyan Service Guild No. 1, Mrs. Ford Longsdorf, President, has become a member of our Naaman Woodland Thousand Club, an organization to build Methodist churches in Louisiana.

The following song was written by Ruth Guthrie, Conference Supply Chairman, of Bastrop, and sung at their Guild Month Fellowship Supper in January. To sing it is to appreciate the message.

"Tune: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

God the Father God, the Son,  
God the Spirit, three in one,  
Great Redeemer, Father, Friend,  
Made the world and all there-in.  
Israel's children He set free  
They the Holy Ghost did see  
Every nation, race and creed  
Over cross-roads He will lead,  
Hail the Father God, the Son  
Hail the Spirit, Three in One.

Holy Bible, God's true word  
Stewards, rise let it be heard.  
Growth in grace, thy self reveal  
Reconciled in thought and will.  
Missions filling everywhere  
In communion with Him share.  
Infants, parents, baptized all  
God's dear family will not fall.  
Hail the Father God, the Son  
Hail the Spirit, Three in One.

Jesus Christ God sent to earth  
Born to give man second birth.  
The Holy Church Christ did ordain  
Taught all to pray, but not in vain.  
To all decreed God's sovereign will  
As He climbed up Calv'ry's hill.  
Unto the world He came again  
Triumphed over death and sin.  
Hail the Father God, the Son,  
Hail the Spirit, Three in One.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Bee Sandefur, (Mrs. Alvin), District Secretary

About all we hear now is nominating committees and election of officers. I'm sure all District Secretaries join me in asking for the two lists found in the promotion report book for the names of the new officers, just as soon as these people are selected.

"Studies", too, are in full swing and this District is coming up with their full share of J.R. credits. Louise Jones reports that Pineville, Trinity and Doris Branton Circle are having another study together taught by Mrs. S. E. Richardson, President.

Much visiting by the District Officers has been taking place during Guild month. Trinity in Alexandria, held a most interesting meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Eunice Sayes. I enjoyed listening to the four speakers from the W.S.C.S. who reported on their visits to the various institutions in and around Alexandria.

Doris Branton Circle, Alexandria, held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. Hicks who also had the program. Charter members were honored. Mrs. Ermine Chandler is president and is recovering from a broken bone from a fall.

Bunkie reports a J.R. on the Alcohol Study. Mrs. Elizabeth Randol president, reports the beginning of plans for the hostessing of the District Spring Meeting, on April 16. Guild Month was observed here by different members taking part in the church service and also by using the history of the local W. S. G. Unit in the bulletin.

Pineville celebrated Guild Month by entertaining members of the W.S.C.S. A result of the Study of Basic Christian Beliefs is a Guild reading circle. Irma Chandler is president.

World Day of Prayer in the Alexandria area is being arranged for by Miss Marie Pace, District Chairman of Spiritual Life. Trinity will host the evening meeting. In Bunkie this program is being arranged by Mrs. John Lyles, Unit Chairman of Spiritual Life and Mrs. Cay Richardson, Program Chairman.

Bess Gatlin, charming President of the Colfax Guild has her Unit on their toes with Study. They were on "One World, One Mission" when I visited.

The Oakdale group headed by Robbie Crane is a very busy one. I enjoyed my visit there.

At the December meeting of the Pollock Guild I was enthralled with their singing group. Truly they had the spirit of Christmas. Mrs. Guyon McGorum is President.

Each Guild has received a "Reminder Letter" from their District Secretary reminding them of two important events, the Conference in Lake Charles in March and the District Spring Meeting in Bunkie on April 16th at 2 o'clock. Our speaker will be Miss Arline Tyler, Jurisdiction Spiritual Life Chairman. We are eagerly looking forward to this treat.



## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Emma P. Mainous, (Mrs. C. G.), District Secretary

Guild Month was once again a time for varied observances in the District and climaxed by the Citizenship Brunch.

A special treat was in store for the some 150 members attending the Brunch, held at the First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, when Judge Fannie Burch spoke to the group, using as her topic "Divine Purpose in America's Destiny." In stressing the importance of America's effort to keep it's purpose, she made references which truly enhanced the occasion.

In keeping with the topic chosen by Judge Burch, the decorations were all in red, white and blue. This was noted in the name tags and table decorations.

There were representatives from all sixteen Guild units; also present were eleven of the sixteen presidents, all 16 of the Christian Social Relations Chairmen (or their representatives) and all six of the District Officers.

Mrs. Dean Causey, District Chairman of Christian Social Relations was chairman of the Brunch, with the local chairmen as her committee.

Among the special guests were; Mrs. Ruth Cowell, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. T. L. James, President of District WSCS; Mrs. Martha Overby, District Chairman of Christian Social Relations of the WSCS; Mrs. W. A. Ragan, District Secretary of Promotion of WSCS; Mrs. W. W. Hyde, District Treasurer of WSCS and WSG.

The Amite Guild unit had an unusual observance that I would like to share with you.

The meeting was the regular monthly one, but the president, Mrs. Clara Bell Darnell chose this time to honor the past presidents, all noted in the picture.



In the Picture

Reading from the left: Mrs. Clara Bell Darnell, present president, Mrs. Myrtle Kilpatrick, Mrs. Flora Tauzin, Mrs. Lida Morrison, Mrs. Olga Morgan, Mrs. Jessie Lester and Mrs. Bable Finch

The program was opened with a quotation from Kahill Gibran's.

"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. For what are your possessions but things you keep and guard for fear you may need them tomorrow? And what is fear of need but need itself? There are those who give and know not pain in giving, nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue; they give as in yonder valley the Myrtle breathes its fragrance into space. Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes he smiles upon earth."

Mrs. Darnell used the theme "Light."

In the beginning God Created the Heaven and the earth and the earth was without form and void. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, and God said "let there be light" and there was LIGHT. At this point Mrs. Darnell lit a single candle.

And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not, I will lead them in paths that they have not known; I will make darkness LIGHT unto them, and crooked things straight; these things will I do unto them and not forsake them.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Grace M. Lawson, District Secretary

Lake Charles District was represented by a full quota at the Spiritual Life Retreat at Hodges Gardens in January, and at least two Guilds have had reports of the Retreat given at their February meeting and accompanied by slides.

The District Secretary was a guest at the dinner meeting of the Julia Reid Unit at First Church in Lake Charles on February 27.

The WELSH GUILD, under the leadership of Mrs. Eva Stocking, celebrated its twenty-third anniversary during Guild month. (It was organized as a Guild two years prior to unification.) The Guild conducted the evening church service on January 29. The special music for this service was the Guild Hymn, sung by the Youth Choir. Following the service, the entire congregation enjoyed a reception in Fellowship Hall. The Woman's Society members were hostesses and Guild members and former Guild members were guests of honor. The center of attraction was a beautiful cake made and decorated in the shape and colors of the Guild Emblem.

FIRST CHURCH, LAKE CHARLES celebrated Guild Month with a special meeting held at the Church on January 10. Mrs. J. B. Mouton, District Secretary of Christian Social Relations was the speaker and the meeting was well attended. There were a number of guests from the Woman's Society as well as Guild members from the Julia Reid and Vera See Units and from the West Lake Guild.

Many Guilds in the District participated in the World Day of Prayer Observances.

Every Guild in the District had some part in preparing for the Spring Meeting, many volunteering to do more than the planning committee asked of them, but the biggest load was carried by the Guilds in Lake Charles under the leadership of Mrs. Helen Preston.

## SUSIE JONES GUILD, DeRidder

(Reported by Katherine Frusha)

So far 1961 is proving itself to be another successful year in our guild work.

We are busy discussing and making plans to see a great number of guild members at the Spring Conference in Lake Charles. Our guild mailed out over 150 cards reminding members to attend the conference.

Our District Chairman, Rosa McCullough, attended the Guild Retreat held at Hodges Garden January 21st and 22nd.

Guild Month was celebrated by our Guild and the Maye Youngblood Guild with outstanding displays in the church, guild members sitting in a body for church services January 29th and both Guilds having members take part in the Sunday morning services.

Mrs. Maxine Wood from the Wesley ME Church will give us our study entitled "Basic Christian Beliefs," and we will be able to receive JR for same.

At our last meeting we presented lifetime memberships to Catherine Parsons, Juanita Schuelz and Lou Bienvenu. Marie Hooker has been our coordinator for three years and for PART of her good work she was presented with Wesleyan Service Guild Pin.

Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it, for the Glory of God did lighten it, and the lamb is the Light thereof.

(At this point the past Presidents were asked to take their places at the table, before each was a white candle, and they each lit their candle from the single candle lit by the president.)

The Scriptures say "Arise, Shine for the Light is come". This was a challenge given each of you as you sought to guide the path of our Guild through the year you served in the office of President. When we were told to "Let your light so shine among men that they may see your good works" never once did you let us down. Through the combined efforts of all. This circle of light has grown to cast a warm glow, so that our Guild has grown in size and now takes its rightful place in the community, District and State.

The one whom we refer to as the "Light of the World" is also called the Rose of Sharon. The red rose is one of God's most beautiful flowers, denoting love. It was your love for Christ and his Church that led you into service. Your love for our fellow man that caused you to do good works. To show our Love for you, I give you this red rose.



## MONROE DISTRICT

Zella Cotton, (Mrs. W. A.), District Secretary

One of the outstanding events of the quarter in the Monroe District was the observance of Guild Month by the BASTROP GUILD, which lasted the entire month. Two of their members fixed a worship setting for the sanctuary each Sunday. They made posters depicting the work of the Guild, and carried articles in the local paper each week. As the outgrowth of the study "Into All the World Together" and also in observance of Guild Month they entertained with a Fellowship Supper. The guest list included the members of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Mer Rouge and Bonita Guilds, all Conference and District officers. Mrs. Harper, District President, Mrs. Dampier, District Promotion Secretary, Frances Langford (pinch-hitting for sister, Elizabeth), Agnes Miller and I went up to Bastrop to enjoy this delightful occasion.

Elizabeth Langford and I were invited to STERLINGTON on February 6th to meet with a group of women interested in re-activating their Guild. The St. Andrews Church will be a new church, combining the members of Fairbanks and Sterlington communities in a fast growing industrial area. Mrs. Lewis Gannaway, a former Guild member of Monroe and an active worker in the Woman's Society assisted the women in making plans. It was decided that the Guild would be reorganized in June, which is the beginning of the new year. They will be in their beautiful new church at that time. We are looking forward to having this active group in our district Guild family.

The WEST MONROE GUILD has purchased an Interpreters Bible and presented it to their church. They were hostess to the World Day of Prayer held in the lovely chapel of their church for the employed women of Monroe and West Monroe. This active group has contributed to a fund which will be used to purchase a stained-glass window for the sanctuary in memory of Mrs. Isabelle Myers.

MEMORIAL GUILD observed Guild Month by having a member speak at both morning and evening church services on the third Sunday. They are contributing to the "Papa Cain" Memorial Fund, which will be used to purchase a stained-glass window. "Papa Cain" (Rev. L. W.) was the father of Rev. Ralph Cain, former pastor of Memorial Church for nine years.

SOUTHSIDE GUILD will be hostess to the district spring meeting on April 30th. They are a busy group, with many activities on their calendar.

Monroe FIRST CHURCH Guild members took an active part in the church-wide study on Alcohol and the Christian's Responsibility. After attending the 4 church Family Night sessions, they conducted an extra two hour session and thereby met the requirements for JR credit.

Many who know her will be glad to learn that Miss Tennie V. Severtson, Educational Director at First Church and member of Guild Unit No. 1, is home from the hospital. She sustained a broken shoulder from a fall which occurred while she was arranging a worship setting in one of the downtown banks in observance of the World Day of Prayer.

GORDON AVENUE GUILD participated in the church-wide study on Alcohol and the Christian's responsibility. Their president, Lucille Durham, assisted in directing the plans for the study.

Orchids to the MER ROUGE GUILD. They have doubled their membership this year. Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Mer Rouge Methodist church were hostesses at a Heritage Tea, January 31, honoring members of the Women's Society of Christian Service on the 20th anniversary of the local organization. Charter members of both organizations were honored during the evening's program which was held in the sanctuary.

Mrs. Henry Tilbury spoke on the history of the Women's organization in Mer Rouge and told of the beginning of the Women's work here. Mrs. J. B. Hornbeak brought the history of the WSCS up to date and Mrs. G. N. Neel told of highlights of the Guild work during the past ten years. After a love offering was received members and guests were invited to the chapel for refreshments.

Charter members of the Guild who were honored were Mrs. G. N. Neel, Mrs. Charles Shelton, Mrs. Fred Moss, Mrs. T. A. Rains, Mrs. M. W. Phillips, Mrs. Ross Graves, Miss Ella Mae Higginbotham, Mrs. F. A. Tolar, Mrs. Frankie King, Miss Elma Carter, Mrs. Clifford King, Mrs. Marion Clark, and Mrs. Charles White.

Six Guild members of the District attended the Spiritual Retreat at Hodges Gardens, two from Monroe First Church and four from Bastrop.

The Spring Conference at Lake Charles will be history when this report is published, but it is my fond hope that each and every unit will have sent at least one delegate to the conference. The inspiration you receive at these meetings overflows to the other members of your Guild.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

CARROLLTON—Grace Reidenauer, Reporter: On Friday, evening, January 13, in observance of Guild Month, a joint meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Guild was held, with almost 100% turn out of Guild members and a larger number from the Woman's Society. Among the guests were Mrs. Carl Gallaher, President, New Orleans District Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mildred Evans, District Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild. Hobbies were displayed, Humorous sketches were on the program, and delicious turkey supper, with all the trimmings, was served.

A concentrated effort toward forming a new Guild unit for the young business women of the church is being made.

On the four Monday's of March, we will be studying Basic Christian Beliefs with Mrs. Norma Levy, teaching.

FIRST METHODIST—Edith Sigborsen, President: A dinner and sale held in the library in the church was extremely successful. We were able to equip the library, with furniture, cards, etc., and allocate \$100.00 for the purchase of new books.

On the last Sunday in January the Guild was recognized at the church service, having a special section assigned them. Flowers, in yellow and blue, decorating the church were supplied by the Guild. Each member wore a small corsage of yellow flowers with blue ribbon.

On February 17, a party was given for the M. Y. F. Intermediate and Senior Groups.

Plans for a dinner on March 21st, honoring two missionary families of the church—the Fosmire's and the Lowry's—are being made. The Fosmire's are leaving for the Congo, later in the Spring, where Dr. Fosmire will serve a medical missionary. The Lowry's are leaving for Chile about the same time. Proceeds over the cost of the dinner will be given to these very fine missionary families.

Members will assist in the church's Every Member Campaign in April.

GRETNA—Beverly Biehler, President: During the month of January, flowers were placed on the church altar by the Guild.

In observance of Guild Month, the members met with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, at their general meeting, and furnished refreshments.

JR Credit was received for their participation in the District Wide Study of Into All The World Together.

Two members attended the church study on Alcohol and Christian Responsibility.

MUNHOLLAND—June Smith, Reporter: Nine members participated in the District Wide Study of Into All The World Together. As result of the study, the book "Dr. Ida" is being given to the church library.

A Christmas project was a gift to the Sharing Pantry sponsored by Felicity Methodist Church and Rev. William Finnin for underprivileged people. Mrs. DeEllo Simon and Mrs. C. C. Perry delivered a large basket of groceries and a check for \$20.00.



(L. to R.) Mrs. DeEllo Simon, Rev. William Finnin and Mrs. Finnin.

Another part of the Christmas project was a gift of paper, such as party napkins, tablecloths, gift wrappings and stationery sent to Dr. Vela Cleveland.

A Christmas Tea was given on Sunday afternoon, December 4, at the home of Mrs. Opal Looby for members, with a special Christmas reading by Mrs. Francis Nelson, and singing of Christ-

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## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

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mas Carols by members and guests.

**PARKER MEMORIAL**—Lila Christoffel, President: In observance of Guild Month, the members presented a devotional service, using the Lord's Prayer as a basis.

**RAYNE MEMORIAL**—Mona S. Hayes, President: Guild Month was celebrated the last Sunday in January by meeting together for the eleven o'clock worship service and occupying pews reserved in the sanctuary. Members were stationed in the church vestibule giving out literature and information about the Guild and it's work. Each member wore a white carnation.

**ST. LUKE'S**—Kathryn Huey, President: Five new members have been welcomed into St. Luke's Guild. In January, the Guild met with the Women's Society of Christian Service at a general meeting. As a part of the monthly meetings, taken in two sessions, each, Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions and Basic Christian Beliefs was studied.

**ST. MATTHEW'S**—Mrs. R. P. (Skip) Brown, Reporter: Visited and toured Methodist Home Hospital, holding our meeting there, and taking sewing needs for use by the girls in the Home.

Collected books for use at Dulac Community Center.

Gave small gifts, at Christmas, to the girls at Methodist Home Hospital.

Clothing was collected for a needy family and for Dulac Community Center.

Canned food and staples were collected for Red Cross emergency shelves.

Christmas and New Year's dinners were provided for a needy family.

Members participated in the District Wide Study at the Church House.

We are now making "Daily Devotions for Lenten Season" to be distributed to the members of the church each Sunday during Lent.

**SECOND METHODIST**—Mildred Evans, Reporter: Our annual Christmas meeting and party was held on December 7, 1960, at the home of Mrs. A. J. Haas. The program presented by Mildred Evans explained the importance and significance of the Advent season and a demonstration of the use of an Advent wreath was given. The wreath, very beautifully decorated with small evergreen palms and purple ribbons was made by nuns of a neighboring Roman Catholic Church for Mildred, especially for this program which was written in the Methodist Woman.

In observance of Guild Month, the Woman's Society of Christian Service entertained the members at a buffet supper, on Thursday, January 19.

Baby Memberships were presented to Jennifer Lee Beauvais, granddaughter of Kathryn Wallace; Gretchen Marie Pfeffer, granddaughter of Marie Freibert, our Vice President; Karen Ann Keim, great granddaughter of Mrs. C. Graci, our Coordinator.

A gift was given to Henry Clyde Merritt, grandson of our Treasurer, Mrs. Ann Lee Merritt.

We are now studying Basic Christian Beliefs with Rev. John Koelemay, as our teacher.

## DISTRICT NEWS

Mildred Evans, District Secretary

Our visit to Dulac Community Center on November 13 was a very interesting event. There were 36 from various units in the District. We carried used clothing and coat hangers for the Center and presented them with a cash contribution of \$25.00.

Five officers, including the District Secretary and Chairman of Christian Social Relations, Irene Burns, were at the Conference Spiritual Life Retreat at Hodge's Lodge, Many, Louisiana.

Our Annual District Meeting will be held on Friday evening, April 21, at Munholland Memorial Methodist Church.

Plans are being made for an installation tea and Promotion Workshop; both to be in May.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Adele Nugent, (Mrs. Earl), District Secretary

MRS. BOOTS GUTHRIE—Reporter

**WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD**, Trinity Church Ruston: The pretty Salem Methodist Church near Ruston was the setting for a picnic for our July meeting.

Illustrated talks on recent trips to Europe, by Mrs. Glen Laskey, Mrs. Morton Kavanaugh, and Mrs. Cecil Crowley, were presented at the joint meeting of our guild, Virginia Laskey Guild and the W.S.C.S. in October.

Five members attended the Ruston District Coaching Conference at Camp Alabama in October. At Christmas the Guild pre-

pared a box for a needy family.

Six members attended the church-wide study in February on "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility". The Guild has completed the study "Into All the World Together" taught by one of our members, Judith Crymes.

**VIRGINIA LASKEY GUILD**, Trinity Church, Ruston: This has been a full year for our guild. Four members have welcomed new babies; Karen Malone, Nan Carol Harman, James Clark Ramsaur, and Louis Branton Williams. Louis had the distinction of being born in Bolivia, where his parents are doing missionary work. The first three babies were given honorary baby memberships. Because his parents are working to build a new agricultural center, \$5.00 was added to the fund our guild is raising for that project.

Miss Alma Burk, co-ordinator, author of a recently published book of poems, ECHOES FROM MY NATIVE HILLS, was given a life membership.

The guild has provided flowers for the church during February, taken books to the Children's House and Christmas boxes to the elderly Methodists at a local rest home, provided refreshments at a joint meeting with the W.S.C.S. and Wesleyan Service Guilds, co-operated in a pot-luck supper with the other two Methodist guilds in town and provided for that meal a most inspirational speaker, Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy.

**GRACE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD**, Ruston: Our Grace Guild has 18 active members. All of the approved study courses have been studied except "Basic Christian Beliefs" and our Pastor will conduct that in March.

The Guild has provided flowers for the church sanctuary every fourth month of the year, helped with M.Y.F. refreshments, La. Tech time and served a Sweetheart Banquet for the youth department of the church.

Guild month was observed in January. We have contributed to Missions honoring outgoing state officers. Offering taken during the study "Into All The World Together" will go to Julia and Carl Williams our own missionaries.

**FARMERVILLE**: Our Guild enjoyed the annual Valentine Party in February with husbands as special guests. A delicious meal was served to the 28 members and guests in the beautifully decorated fellowship hall of the church. As a local project our guild chose to buy white wrought iron flower stands for our church sanctuary.

**ARCADIA**—After completing the study "Basic Beliefs" for JR credit, our Guild is beginning the study "Into All the World Together." Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. Henry Galloway participated on the World Day of Prayer program in February. The Guild will be responsible for attendance at one days service during our March revival.

**HOMER**—Our Guild has had outstanding meetings during the year with good attendance and interesting programs.

**HAYNESVILLE**—Our Guild is sorry to announce that sickness and other unavoidable reasons have kept us from functioning in our usual manner. However, we are looking forward to spring weather and hope to be up to our usual standards soon.

**SPRINGHILL**—Our Guild was in charge of food for a Joint Christmas banquet with the W.S.C.S. The speech and music department of the local high school presented an interesting program. Guild month was observed with a guest speaker Pietro Gargagliano of Sicily, an exchange student attending Springhill High School.

The Guild served supper to 61 Methodist Men in February. We have had a very successful year.

**WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD UNITS 1 & 2, MINDEN**—The two guilds and W.S.C.S. joined together for a dinner meeting in November with about 125 attending. The guilds were responsible for the dinner and the Society provided the program featuring an excellent talk by Mrs. Pomeroy, "Children and Youth in the Sixties".

Several members of Unit No. 1 attended the Spiritual Life Retreat at Hodges Gardens in January. They were Sue Batton, Ruby Craton, Norma Daye, Clovice Watson, and Mary Ann Andrews. All agreed the retreat was a wonderful experience.

Both units were honored during services at 1st Methodist Church, Minden during Guild month.

Unit 2 reports excellent meetings with good attendance and both units are looking forward to Conference in Lake Charles.

**JONESBORO GUILD** (reported by Mrs. Louise Sneed)—The Guild completed the study, "Basic Christian Beliefs" in November for which will be received a J.R. Credit. The study was taught by Mrs. Edith Key, our Spiritual Life Chairman. As the outgrowth of this study, excerpts from "Methodist Beliefs" were printed in the church bulletin for a number of weeks.

The Guild had a Christmas party December 12, in the home of Mrs. Edith Key. We combined our Christmas money with that

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## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

### Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

(Sybil Kelly, Publicity Chairman, Reporting)

The Shreveport District held its annual District Guild Banquet at Noel Methodist Church with 113 present. Many of the units brought the pastor, his wife and the W.S.C.S. president. The guest speaker, Bishop Dana Dawson, spoke on "John Wesley and His Ideas on Missions."

The Spring Conference will be held on April 9th. The place will be decided at the Standing Guild Committee meeting.

**BENTON**—The Guild purchased two large church signs. The men of the church will install the signs which are to be located on the highway. The last meeting of the study "Basic Christian Beliefs" was held in the home of Mrs. Carrington, the pastor's wife. The unit is taking the course for JR credit.

**BROADMOOR**—The W.S.C.S. and Guild held a joint meeting in January, honoring the Guild. The Guild was in charge of the program and the Woman's Society served as hostesses. "Basic Christian Beliefs" has been completed for JR Credit.

**ALMA LEVINS**—The Study "One World, One Mission" has been completed for JR Credit. In February the Unit will begin "Basic Christian Beliefs." In observance of Guild Month, the Guild attended church in a group.

**SUMMER GROVE**—The entire church is studying "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility". They enjoy a snack supper preceding the program. Then the group attends church together for the evening worship.

**WYNNE**—A special program was held during January with the W.S.C.S. as guests. The Guild and their families attended church together and were recognized in the service. A church-wide study on Alcohol and Christian Responsibility has been completed. The W.S.C.S. and Guild completed the requirements for JR Credit.

Park Avenue and Wynne are planning a joint study on "Basic Christian Beliefs." Mrs. Lowery will be the instructor. Life memberships were recently given to Past-President, Mrs. Wanda Atkinson and to the President, Mrs. James E. Carr.

**TRINITY**—"Basic Christian Beliefs" was the JR Study taken by Trinity.

**PARK AVENUE**—Guild Month was celebrated in a big way at Park Avenue. One Sunday the Guild took Communion together. During the service they presented the minister with a new Bible. Two Life Memberships were given to two outstanding men in the church—Mr. Walter Daniels (who celebrated his 83rd birthday) and Mr. J. E. Channel. The Guild was honored by the W.S.C.S. with a supper. Two Studies have been completed. By holding one additional session they will earn JR Credit on the Alcohol church-wide study.

**MANGUM**—Unit 1 celebrated its 20th birthday in January. During the 20 years they have presented 25 Life Memberships. One member has presented 1 adult, 4 young people, 3 junior and 3 baby memberships. A covered-dish birthday party was held with 25 present. Rev. John Kilpatrick, minister, was the speaker. The JR Study "Basic Christian Beliefs" has been completed with Arthur Armbrust as instructor. Mrs. Mary Baggett instructed in the study for Efficiency Credit on "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions".

**MANSFIELD** (reported by Catherine Jones)—In response to the invitation of Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, 26 earnest and interested members of the Guild attended a Workshop at the Lowrey farm.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. J. T. Pierson, Promotion Secretary. After a devotional given by Miss Bessie Pickels, the out-of-town speaker of the evening was introduced—Miss Arline Tyler, Jurisdictional Spiritual Life Secretary. Miss Tyler's address consisted of an explanation of the 20th Annual Report on the organization of the Guild and its relationship to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the format of the report and a challenge to each member to understand the Christian

purposes of the Guild. This address was followed by an interesting report given by Miss Jeraldine Beck on the projects of the WSCS in the Louisiana Conference.

The following members of the Guild considered various aspects of the 20th Annual Report: Mrs. J. O. Hebert, Mrs. Frank Hunter, Mrs. W. H. Webster, and Mrs. Marcus Ford. The members of the Guild were then divided into two groups. Group I, with Mrs. George A. McKinnon as leader discussed the subject "Recommendations for Spiritual Life"; Group II, with Miss Inez Wansley as leader, discussed "The Relationship of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service."

At the close of the workshop, a steak supper was served, and a social hour was much enjoyed.



New members of Mansfield Guild recognized at 20th Anniversary observed November 17, 1960. (L. to R.) Mrs. Woodrow Fields from Jennings Guild, Mrs. Billie Rae Page, Miss Jerry Beck, Mrs. R. G. Cryar

**CONGRATULATIONS TO Mrs. Lee (Era) Tidwell** of Shreveport, and member of our Standing Guild Committee from the Woman's Society of Christian Service. In the Jurisdictional meeting in Little Rock, Mrs. Tidwell was elected to another term as Secretary of Promotion for the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society. You will remember the fine contribution she made to our program last summer at Camp Brewer.

**MARION LELA NORRIS** receives congratulations on her birthday in the March issue of Methodist Woman. We wish to add our congratulations. See page 44 for her picture and birthday wishes. Miss Norris is a "paid subscriber to Guild Times" and her annual letter and complimentary remarks are always heartwarming to your editor.

## FROM YOUR EDITOR

In June, your editor will go to Mt. Sequoyah again as editor of "Mountain Minutes" for both the Guild Weekend and the School of Missions. Miss Mary Searles of Minden will go with me to serve as secretary. We will also have charge of the Louisiana displays:

IF YOU HAVE AN OUTSTANDING POSTER, OR WORSHIP SETTING MATERIAL THAT WE MIGHT DISPLAY FOR LOUISIANA CONFERENCE AT MT SEQUOYAH GUILD WEEKEND, SEND TO: MISS ELIZABETH LANGFORD, 306 Bernhardt Bldg., Monroe, La.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

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of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the total was sent to St. Mark's in New Orleans.

At the present time we are studying "Into All the World Together." Mrs. Harriet Hall, the Missionary Education Chairman, is teaching the study.

This month the Guild is making a contribution of \$10 to the Methodist Kindergarten, and a contribution of \$20 to the Youth Department of the church.

The Annual Spring Meeting for the Ruston District will be held in Springhill on Sunday, April 9th beginning at 2:30 P. M.

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## CAMP BREWER WEEKEND JULY 14-15-16

THEME: "THE FAITH THAT COMPELS US"

GOAL: EVERY GUILD UNIT REPRESENTED BY AT LEAST ONE DELEGATE

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN—Mrs. Ruth Cowell, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT in charge of Registration.

### PROGRAM

Friday, July 14

You may arrive Friday evening. The dining room will not be open until "coffee time" Saturday morning. Bring your own supper snack if arriving Friday.

FELLOWSHIP provided for early arrivals.

9:00 P. M. Devotional—Mrs. Boots Guthrie.

MISS  
MILDRED  
EVANS  
NEWLY  
ELECTED  
CONFERENCE  
CHAIRMAN  
OF  
SPIRITUAL  
LIFE  
CULTIVATION



As Mildred Evans comes into her newly elected office with the Louisiana Guilds, the Conference Executive Committee merely re-classifies her, for she has served so capably as District Secretary of the New Orleans District during her last term of office. With her consecrated life and her dedicated spirit of service she will warm the hearts of the Louisiana Guilders as she directs our lives in spiritual cultivation. The following note from Mildred is but a glimpse into her purposeful service to her Master and the office she now assumes:

"From the Desk of Mildred Evans . . .

It is a privilege and honor for me to serve this year as your Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life.

It is with humility, that I pledge my cooperation and assistance to each of you in the work to which we have been called.

I covet the prayers, support and cooperation of all of you. It is only with these that we can move forward and continue the good work that has gone before.

An informative, instructive, and spiritually filled program has been planned for Guild Week End. May we count on you, each of you, being there?"

Saturday, July 15

MORNING: "Comes the Dawn".  
6:00 Rising Bell.  
6:30 Coffee.  
7:00 Morning Watch—Leader, Mrs. Vesta Rownd.  
7:30 Breakfast.  
8:00 REGISTRATION (on porch) Lafayette District. in charge.  
8:40 WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETS.  
8:00-10:00 CRAFTS (Tabernacle) Miss Emma Kuntz and Mrs. Katie Cook in charge.  
10:00-11:00 "To Grow in Wisdom".  
President—Miss Sue Batton.  
Vice-President—Mrs. Zella Cotton, Mrs. B. E. Thibodeaux.  
Treasurers—Mrs. Bee Sandefur, Mrs. Herbert C. Loyd.  
Promotion Secretaries—Mrs. Emma Mainous, Mrs. B. F. Patterson.  
Recording Secretaries—Miss Marilynn Carter, Mrs. Geo. Thomas.  
11:00 Coffee Break.  
11:15-12:15 "Study to Show Thyself Approved Unto God".  
CLINICS ON LINES OF WORK.  
Spiritual Life—Misses Mildred Evans and Arline Tyler.  
Missionary Education—Mrs. Agnes Miller, Mrs. Mattie Lee Watson.  
Christian Social Relations—Mrs. Ruth Cowell, Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.  
Supply Work—Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, Mrs. Norma Daye.  
12:15—Lunch.  
AFTERNOON:  
1:00-1:45 REGISTRATION (continued).  
1:45 CONVENING OF GUILD WEEKEND—Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary, presiding.  
THEME HYMN—"Spirit of Life" (No. 176).  
OPENING MEDITATION and PRAYER—Mrs. Marilynn Hudson.  
INTRODUCTIONS and RECOGNITIONS.  
ANNOUNCEMENTS.  
2:45 "Learn of Me".  
PRESENTATION OF TWO STUDIES—  
"The Christian and Responsible Citizenship"—Mrs. Ruth Cowell.  
"Churches for New Times"—Miss Sue Batton.  
HYMN—"Oh, for a Faith that will not Shrink" (No. 270)  
"Workers with the Master Gardener" — Mrs. Bee Sandefur.  
4:00-6:00 FREE TIME—TO BROWSE AND BUY LITERATURE on display in dining room—Mrs. Warren Orr and Miss Grace Lawson in charge.  
6:15 SUPPER.  
EVENING:  
7:00-7:30 VESPERS—Mrs. Janice Richardson, Leader.  
7:30-8:15 GROUP SINGING—for Fun and Inspiration — Mrs. Paul Anderson, Song Leader; Mrs. Clyde Black, Accompanist.  
8:15 "Go Ye Into All the World and Teach".  
TWO FILMS—Literature and Publications.  
"A Plus for Working Women"  
Miss Dorothy Dunbar and Miss Elizabeth Langford in charge.  
SOLO—Mrs. Paul Anderson.  
BENEDICTION.

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# The SECRETARY'S Pen

We are completing a wonderful year, and all Guild members must be commended for their wonderful work. We show progress in all phases of the work, but we must not let up—each day calls for more concern and more witnessing.

Our membership has increased, but this is still one of our greatest needs. We all know to interest employed women and keep them after we get them, we must have interesting programs, well planned, also good fellowship, so I am urging you to give program building your special attention.

I have attended and assisted in many coaching conferences, and our attendance at these meetings is increasing each time; the same applies also to district meetings and Annual Conference. I am very happy over our increase in giving to Missions, and very sure you are proud of it also, but we must not be satisfied with what we are doing. We cannot afford to slacken when the needs are so very great.

We have just elected many new officers on the local level and we should immediately get busy with officers training and seminars, for we cannot do our work as it should be done unless we are familiar with all phases of it.

It is true that many women are now working and we have failed to reach as many as we should have, and this should be of great importance to us. Since June 1, 1960, we have organized six new Units, and this shows that we are concerned, but we should have organized many more.

We have planned a very fine Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer for July 14, 15 and 16, and I hope to see many of you there. You will have the opportunity of attending a Workshop and Clinic for all officers and lines of work.

While you are planning your budget for the year, please remember to increase your giving to missions, and meet your supply askings. When you have met the askings, then a very fine thing to do is supplementary giving.

I will have to be satisfied with this short note, for I am Housing Chairman for Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, and right now, I do not have one spare moment.

In closing let me thank each of you for your cooperation, your loyalty to Guild work, for your concern and most of all for your witness.

Bless you,

Sue

## CAMP BREWER WEEKEND

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Sunday, July 16

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| 6:00  | Rising Bell.  |
| 6:20  | Coffee.   |
| 6:45  | COMMUNION MEDITATION.<br>HOLY COMMUNION — Rev. Roy L. Garrett—Horse-shoe Drive Methodist Church, Alexandria.  |
| 7:30  | Breakfast.  |
| 8:30  | "That Ye May Know".<br>PRESENTATION OF TWO STUDIES—<br>"The Meaning of Suffering"—Miss Mildred Evans.<br>"The Christian Mission in Latin America"—Miss Ruby Craton. |
| 9:00  | BUSINESS SESSION.   |
| 10:15 | Recess.   |
| 11:00 | "Faith of Our Fathers".<br>MORNING WORSHIP—Miss Mildred Evans, presiding.<br>MESSAGE "Escape Into Faith"—Mrs. Guy M. Hicks, First Church, Alexandria.               |
| 12:15 | Dinner.<br>Adjournment.   |

### HOW TO REGISTER FOR CAMP BREWER WEEKEND

Your president will receive registration forms. Advance registrations must be sent in by July 5th. Send \$1.25 registration fee with each name, and pay \$4.75 upon arrival (Total—\$6.00). Send registrations to Miss Marilyn Carter, P. O. Box 150, New Iberia, La.

Bring your own sheets, pillow, towels, etc. Bring your bathing suit, camera and electric fan. If you have a large electric fan that can be used in the tabernacle, it will help to place fans at convenient locations.

## SCHOOLS OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE  
AND  
THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD  
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Theme Hymn: "No Form of Human Framing" (No. 421)

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Delegates to the School of Missions must bring their own bed linens, pillow, towels and other personal effects which they will need. Some persons find the air conditioned rooms cool and need to have a spread or light blanket.

If you are a district or local Chairman of Missionary Education, we recommend that your Guild send you to the Conference School of Missions. Enrollment is now open and the information is in the hands of officers of the Woman's Society in your local church. This is indeed a high privilege for Wesleyan Service Guild members and you can better present the Study in your unit if you receive instruction from these capable and outstanding instructors at the Conference School. Guilders, this is YOUR school. Don't miss this opportunity if you have not already registered.



MISS MARIE  
PACE  
SECRETARY  
ALEXANDRIA  
DISTRICT

We are delighted to welcome Marie Pace to the Conference Guild Committee as Secretary of the Alexandria District. Marie is not new to Louisiana Guilders. She has assisted in directing the program at Camp Brewer with those little extras that mean so much to Guilders . . . Even to serving water-melon on Friday nite!!! Your editor gives you her account of herself in her own words:

"I was born in Winnfield, Louisiana on June 27, 1914 and have been a Methodist all my life. A member of the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, since twelve years old.

While in Lafayette, I helped reorganize the Guild at First Methodist Church and served as president 1955 until I returned to Alexandria, Oct. 1956. Member of Doris Branton Circle of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, since that time, serving as Spiritual Life Chairman for Local Guild and then President May, 1959-1960. District Spiritual Life for four years of Alexandria District and have just recently been elected District Secretary.

I have attended State Conferences, Guild Week-ends and been three years to the Mountain Top and plan on going this year.

I am a member of the Alexandria Business and Professional Women's Club and serving as president this term. Member of the Eastern Star.

I help visit the shut-ins of the Church, attend Church and help when asked.

Have been employed with the Social Security Administration for fifteen years.

MARIE"



**LOUISE  
BALDRIDGE  
(Mrs. Milton C.)  
NEWLY  
ELECTED  
DISTRICT  
SECRETARY  
NEW  
ORLEANS  
DISTRICT**



At the District Meeting held at Munholland Methodist Church April 21, Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge (Louise) was elected Secretary of the New Orleans District Wesleyan Service Guilds succeeding Miss Mildred Evans.

Louise has a background of service to her church, community and parish. She has organized three Guilds and served as their president. Other services to the Methodist Church include teaching juniors and substituting in the adult class, serving on Official Board, Chairman of Commission on Education, singing in the Choir and many other duties. She has served as Treasurer and Secretary of Missionary Education to the New Orleans District of the W.S.G. and is now on the Conference Nominating Committee.

Louise is a charter member of the East Jefferson Business and Professional Women having served as Vice-President, Auditor and chairman of various committees. She is a member of Home Demonstration Club, local civic clubs working for improvements. She has organized Garden Clubs, serving as their President and was Historian of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation for 1959-61. The Baldridges are ardent plant hobbyists, belong to several garden groups. She is a member of the New Orleans Garden Society, American Rose Society, New Orleans Orchid Society, American Violet (African) Society and many others.

Louise is with National Sugar Refining Co., (Godchaux Sugar) in "Accounting", having been with the company over twenty five (25) years has served and supervised most of the work of this department, although not an accountant her duties are sometimes closely related.

The Baldridges have been married twenty-seven years, do not have any children. (a dog, cat and parakeet).

Milton has been with Humble Oil Co. (Esso Standard) thirty-four years and is "Supervisor in the Delivery Operations."

## SUPPLY WORK

Ruth Guthrie, (Mrs. T. D.), Conference Chairman

As we come to the end of this year, it is with great joy that I commend all District and Local Guild Chairmen of Supply Work for their interest and co-operation in presenting the work to each Unit. I have not received all of the Annual Reports, but the ones I have received show that we have made progress during the year and gone over the "Second Mile" in giving of "Cash" for Supply Work.

A hearty welcome to all new chairmen, both on the district and local level. With God's help, let us put forth every effort and go past that second mile this year also.

"Cash Askings" for the Louisiana Conference Guilds this year, 1961-1962 are:

HOME: Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee ..... \$ 552.00  
National Christian College, Kansas City, Mo. .... 685.00  
FOREIGN: Lomela, Central Congo, Africa ..... 170.00  
Latin America ..... 130.00

TOTAL CASH ASKINGS ..... \$1537.00

You will note that the askings have been increased. Lillian Johnson says "that even though some increase is made each year, the finance committee has heavy hearts this time of year, because many real needs are not being met." So I am sure that we with

our bountiful blessings can dig deeper and still not be actually sacrificing.

These are the items your "Cash" provides for boys and girls as well as men and women at home and abroad. PLEASE SEND CASH ONLY. DO NOT SEND SUPPLIES.

SCARRITT COLLEGE, single and double bed mattress cover pads and furnishings for new apartments. NATIONAL COLLEGE, drapes and chairs for dining room.

LOMELA, AFRICA, steel cabinet, mimeograph machine and Didactic materials for regional schools. LATIN AMERICA, cars.

In addition to cash askings for foreign work we are requested to contribute to the MAGAZINE and PICTURE FUND. This fund supplies subscriptions to the "INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION" for all workers in the foreign fields.

The channel of giving through Supply Work has been created to dramatize, make real and personal the needs of people, and to provide the opportunity and responsibility for Methodist women to respond to those needs in a personalized way.

Projects are assigned in rotation each year so members may become acquainted with many more areas of our work. By presenting SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS in an interesting and inspiring way, you have a significant part in promoting the TOTAL program of THE WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

Much information pertaining to workers and areas and type of work may be found in "THE 21ST. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S DIVISION, and the two "DO YOU KNOW" booklets on the WORK IN THE HOME AND FOREIGN DEPARTMENT. Each month the METHODIST WOMAN carries a full page of information on Supply Work. THE PRAYER CALENDAR contains the names of Missionaries and Deaconesses, their birthdates and fields of work. Daily prayers for them and the growth of their work will prove rewarding not only for them, but you also.

THE NEW HANDBOOK for Supply Work contains procedures for the promotion, handling, and reporting of both materials and cash, and a list of resource materials that will be helpful in your presentation.

I hope to see many of you at Camp Brewer and meet you personally in the CLINIC on SUPPLY WORK. May God bless you in all your activities.

OFFICERS OF LOCAL UNITS: BRING YOUR QUESTIONS TO CAMP BREWER. THEY WILL BE ANSWERED IN THE WORK-SHOP YOU ATTEND.

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Agnes Miller, (Mrs. Austin), Conference Chairman

REPORT OF CONFERENCE YEAR, 1960 - 1961

	No. Studies			No.		Total
	JR.	Eff.	Total	Enrolled	Visitors	Studying
District	15	0	15	142	30	172
Baton Rouge	11	0	11	127	228	355
Lafayette	8	0	8	93	140	233
Lake Charles	6	0	6	89	32	121
Monroe	9	0	9	145	31	176
New Orleans	8	0	8	80	70	150
Ruston	7	1	8	92	20	112
Shreveport	10	0	10	143	36	179
Total	74	1	75	911	587	1498

Jurisdictional Credit were earned on ten different studies during the year. BASIC CHRISTIAN BELIEFS proved the most popular with 29 credits earned. The other studies were: AFRICA 1; LUKE'S PORTRAIT OF CHRIST, 3; INTO ALL THE WORLD TOGETHER, 22; CHURCH'S MISSION IN TOWN AND COUNTRY, 1; HERITAGE AND HORIZONS IN HOME MISSIONS, 10; ALCOHOL AND CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY, 8; and UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE, 1.

The Doris Brandon Circle of First Church, Alexandria was the only unit to complete four studies for J. R. credit. Five Guilds completed three J. R. studies. These were Pineville, Winnfield, First Church in Baton Rouge, New Iberia, and Unit 1 of First Church in Monroe. Seventeen Guilds earned two J. R. credits, while 21 earned one. One Guild earned one Efficiency credit.

The studies for the new year will be on the Church, Latin America, The Meaning of Suffering, and Responsible Citizenship. Of course the studies for previous years may still be used, and the new studies will be available later in the summer. Let's all plan on another year of profitable study together.

YOU MAY BRING YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR GUILD TIMES TO CAMP BREWER. BE SURE TO HAVE CORRECT ADDRESSES.



## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Miss Marie Pace, District Secretary

MRS. ALVIN SANDEFUR, REPORTER



BEE SANDEFUR RECEIVES HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP FROM RUTH COWELL

May I take this opportunity to thank the Guilds of this District for the wonderful surprise they gave me—an honorary membership. This is the first time, in this District, to do this. May it ever continue. I feel quite humble in receiving this, but most happy. As I retire from this phase of work in the Guild, I ask your continued prayers that I may ably lead as chairman of Missionary Education in your District.

Our annual spring conference was held in Bunkie with about fifty in attendance. We enjoyed our speaker, Miss Arline Tyler. She spoke to us on "Workers With the Master Gardener", in line with the theme of our program. We used a flannelgraph for our report covering the district work. I will not go into this as I will present it at Brewer. We held our election. Miss Marie Pace, from the First Methodist Church in Alexandria, was elected to succeed me. Mrs. J. J. Caraway from Bunkie installed the new officers with a most impressive ceremony. We were delighted to have our Conference Secretary, Sue Batton, with us in our meeting.

Since last writing I visited Natchitoches. Mrs. Clyde Vienne, President, conducted a fine business meeting. The program chairman had arranged an interesting lesson and I really enjoyed hearing it. Mrs. Webber also had invited me to supper before the meeting at her apartment at N. S. C. I was very sorry I missed that. The Natchitoches Guild does a lot for the N. S. C. Student Center and a good report was given by Mrs. Webber and Mrs. George Pearce.

My last visit for the year was in Winnfield. The lesson was presented by two members in an interesting manner. Miss Ruth Russell is president.

As my final reports come in I begin to realize that soon your new Unit Officers will be sending them to Marie Pace. In thanking you for your reports may I ask you to be as prompt as you have been and that each report is completed in full.

The many kind remarks concerning the past five years that I have served you and many, many kindnesses, the visits, the hospitality, the results I see in my own life from your prayers, the little notes that said, "My prayers go with you" or "May God hover closely", all these things make me wonder why there aren't more of you anxious to assume the responsibilities of District Secretary. I'll miss each of you.

Your retiring District Secretary,  
Bee Sandefur

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN FOR 1961-62

DISTRICT SECRETARY—Miss Marie Pace, Alexandria.  
RECORDING SECRETARY—Mrs. Mabel Powell, Pineville.  
CHAIRMAN-SPIRITUAL LIFE—Mrs. Janice Richardson, Bunkie.  
CHAIRMAN-MISSIONARY EDUCATION—Mrs. Bee Sandefur, Bunkie.  
CHAIRMAN-CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS — Mrs. Joyce Rogers, Winnfield.  
CHAIRMAN-SUPPLY WORK—Mrs. Bessie Rollo, Alexandria.  
Members-at-large from W. S. C. S.—Mrs. J. J. Caraway, Bunkie; Mrs. John Waggoner, Olla

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Emma P. Mainous, (Mrs. C. G.), District Secretary

May 7th, was an important day in the lives of the Guilders in Baton Rouge District. Some 78 officers and members journeyed from all parts of the District to Jackson for the Spring meeting.

The setting for the meeting was the Methodist church in Jackson. This church has an interesting history and has stood for many years. Rev. John Shearer, pastor, pointed out that, when the church was built, even though Methodist did not believe in the use of symbols on buildings on in services, the center of the windows form a cross and the carving at the top of the windows could well be a crown of thorns.

The Jackson unit was the host group for this meeting and the President, Mrs. Virgie Jenkins and her members did make the group welcome as their efforts were in evidence in many places.

An addition to the regular program this year, was the pledge service. This was a most impressive service as the 16 presidents of the units in the District took part in the service. We are indebted to Miss Arline Tyler for the service and her wonderful help, via mail. Wish you could have been with us Arline.

The Memorial service, conducted by the District Chairman of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Vesta Rownd, for Mrs. Lucy Booth Fleming, was very impressive. Mrs. Fleming was a member of the First Church, Baton Rouge Unit.

The two outgoing District officers received honorariums as a token of appreciation for their four years of service to the District. The Honorariums were sent to Missions for them and they received small gold discs bearing engravings showing the name of the office they held, the two dates, to include their years, and at the top the WSG. On the back of each was noted the initial of the recipient. These discs have small gold chains to attach to the life membership. Mrs. Bessie Baker and her committee were responsible for the lovely symbols presented the officers.

Mrs. Dean Causey, outgoing District Chairman of Christian Social Relations, received her honorarium from Mrs. Florence Barnes, President of Dean's unit, while Miss Sara Wadsworth, outgoing District Chairman of Missionary Education, received her honors from Mrs. Maggie Wood, District Recording Secretary. Mrs. Bessie Baker, Chairman of the Honorarium Committee, presented the honors for the District and they were then presented to the outgoing officers.

Our new District officers are: Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Flora Tauzin of Amite; Missionary Education, Mrs. Audrey Keith (S. O.) of North Baton Rouge Unit. Also elected to serve on District Committees are: Mrs. Dean Causey, nominating committee and Miss Doris Howes to the Honorarium Committee.

The new officers were installed by Mrs. T. L. James, District President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. In the installation, the outgoing officers lighted the candle and handed it to the incoming officer. After the new officers were installed, Mrs. James charged the other District officers to renew their pledge of office taken when they were installed.

Plans for the year include a Mission Tour, A Retreat and a Citizenship Brunch.

June 4th, was the date set for the District officers training with Ponchatoula the host group.

The September meeting of the District will be held at North Baton Rouge Church with that unit the host group. The date set was the 17th.

A fellowship hour was enjoyed by the group following the meeting.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Maree White, District Secretary

At our annual district spring meeting in Lafayette we were privileged to hear the itinerating speaker from the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, who is a field worker. Splendid reports of the year's activities were given by the five Guild Presidents. We also heard from the three district officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service who are on our Guild committee, and from our own district chairmen of Lines of Work.

Because Mrs. Edna Wattigny has moved to Ponchatoula, we elected Mrs. Joyce Prejean of Lafayette to fill out her term in the district office of Christian Social Relations chairman.

We always enjoy the hospitality of the Lafayette Guild, which on this occasion was as gracious as ever. Miss Marjorie Holloway, President of the unit, and her committees made everyone feel a fellowship and a welcome.

The next event on our agenda was a Quiet Time Apart, planned for the early part of June. Our district chairman of Spiritual Life,

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## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

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Mrs. Jewell Carver, is planning this event, which we feel will be a great inspiration to all of us.

Mrs. Mae Nunez will be the new President of the Abbeville unit this year. Their group reported a successful year—they had two studies for JR since the November report.

Lafayette also has a new leader this year, Miss Helen Sullivan, who is also our district chairman of Missionary Education. They gave two Life Memberships at their meeting: one to Miss Faye Dalton and one to Miss Effie Whittington.

Serving a second year as President of the New Iberia Guild will be Mrs. Ernie Fremin. Those girls observe a prayer time at the altar before each meeting. Perhaps you who meet in your churches could adopt this as a suggestion from them. The experience sets the tone of their meetings and, I feel, has a definite bearing on their success as a Guild.

The Opelousas Guild will again be led by Miss Dorothy Dunbar, who was their President last year. I mentioned in an earlier issue that this group had started a project to bring a youth worker to their church for the summer. They have raised enough money—and more—to bring a young ministerial student from Emory University to serve in this position during the months of June, July and August. The money will go toward the young man's education at Emory during the coming school year. I might add that this effort on the part of this Guild unit was "over and above" their obligations to missions which were fully met.

Mrs. Dorothy Lasseigne will be the President of the Rayne unit again this year. Rayne reports six new members this past year, making theirs the largest unit in the district. Not only are they active in membership, but in other phases of the work as well.



MRS. HELEN  
ADAMS  
PRESTON  
GENERAL  
PROGRAM  
CHAIRMAN  
LAKE  
CHARLES  
SPRING  
MEETING

which was held at Welsh on Sunday afternoon, April 30. Thirty-six persons were present, representing nine Guilds.

The meeting opened with Mr. C. Allison Salley, choir director of the host church playing a prelude on the newly installed pipe organ. Mrs. Eva Stocking, president of the Welsh Guild, welcomed the group, and Mrs. Mary Blankenbaker of DeRidder led the devotional.

During the business session the group voted to extend the terms of office of four members of the District Guild Committee, in order to stagger the terms of office according to the Conference pattern. Members whose terms were extended to expire in April, 1963 were: Mrs. E. H. Oakley, of First Church, Chairman of Missionary Education; Miss Laura Lynch of Leesville, Chairman of Supply Work; and Mrs. J. B. Mouton of Sulphur and Mrs. Ida Hardee of Gueydan, who represent the Woman's Society of Christian Service on the District Guild Committee.

The above mentioned Chairmen, plus Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Chairman of Spiritual Life and Mrs. Eric Smith, Chairman of Christian Social Relations, conducted brief meetings with the local chairmen of the lines of work, at which time plans for the year's work were discussed. During this period the Presidents, Treasurers and Secretaries of Promotion met with Miss Grace Lawson, District Secretary, and discussed Reports and Reporting.

Mrs. Mouton, in her address, urged those present to make a special study of the Social Creed of the Methodist Church and to subscribe to the Methodist publication, Concern, and study it also. Then she challenged her audience to thoughtfully and prayerfully re-evaluate their attitudes toward "Race" and other social problems, in the light of the teachings of Christ and of the Methodist Church.

A pleasant social hour followed in Fellowship hall.

The JENNINGS GUILD had members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as their guests at the May meeting of the Guild. The program which followed a covered dish supper and social hour, featured a review of the world mission text, INTO ALL THE WORLD TOGETHER. The review was given by Mrs. Robert B. Crichlow of Bogalusa. About sixty women attended this meeting. Mrs. Maureen Buch is out-going president of the Jennings Guild.

The members of the WELSH GUILD meet in the church Sanctuary for prayer and meditation on the third Wednesday morning of each month at six-thirty. The meeting opens with a devotional led by Mrs. Frank Bryan, Chairman of Spiritual Life, and closes with a period of quiet meditation and altar prayer.

Our Guild members occupy many places of leadership in our various communities and often receive recognition for noteworthy achievement. LAKE CHARLES First Church is proud to claim Winnie (Mrs. J. D., Jr.) Gregory who was selected SECRETARY OF THE YEAR at a Secretaries Day Luncheon held in Lake Charles in April, by the Port Chapter of NSA. The account which appeared in the Lake Charles American Press gave due recognition to Winnie's many contributions in civic and church affairs.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Lucy Patterson - sister of Mrs. Nelle McReynolds and Mrs. Delia Baylor, First Church Guild, Monroe.

Mrs. Harry Stein - sister of Mrs. Paula Tooke, First Church, Monroe.



MRS. FRED  
SHIRLEY  
AND  
DR. CARL  
LUEG

"Let's Take an Old-  
Fashioned Walk"

During Dinner at  
Spring Meeting

(Your editor had difficulty  
taking this picture)



CONFERENCE OFFICERS IN PLEDGE SERVICE AT SPRING  
MEETING

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Grace M. Lawson, District Secretary

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr. of Sulphur, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations, was guest speaker at the Annual District Meeting of the Lake Charles District Wesleyan Service Guilds,



## MONROE DISTRICT

Zella Cotton (Mrs. W. A.), District Secretary



RUTH GUTHRIE PRESENTS LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO THEIR PASTOR, REV. J. I. BOOTH IN THEIR 20th ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE AT THEIR FELLOWSHIP SUPPER OF THE BASTROP GUILD

The Monroe District had a very successful Spring Conference at Southside Church, Monroe, April 30. There were 81 registered, representing 13 Units. For the first time we tried an afternoon meeting and everyone seemed to like it. Our program was a study of the 21st Annual Report presented by the following panel: Mrs. Erle Read, Tallulah; Mrs. M. W. Phillips, Mer Rouge; Miss Elizabeth Langford, Unit I First Church, Monroe; and Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop. Mrs. Agnes Miller, Unit I First Church, Monroe was the moderator. The entire group took part in the question and answer period. Some interest in the report must have been aroused, because all the copies were sold and could have sold more. The closing meditation was given by Rev. Lea Joyner, pastor of the Southside Church, which was a perfect ending to our Conference.

The Unit reports at the Conference were given in the form of posters. We had some beautiful and unusual ones and everyone enjoyed looking at them during our fellowship period. Elizabeth is going to take two of them to Mt. Sequoyah, the one submitted by Unit I First Church, Monroe, as being the most original and the one Mer Rouge made, because of its beauty and information.

New District officers elected were: Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. Marilyn Hudson, Elizabeth Langford Guild, Monroe; Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Travis Ward, West Monroe; and Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mae Goode, Southside, Monroe.

I must give a special note of thanks to Ruth Guthrie, Minza Rabun and Elizabeth Langford for help to plan the program. Also to Southside Guild for being the perfect hostess.

There were five adult life memberships given this last quarter. One each by Columbia, Mer Rouge, Rayville, Tallulah and Memorial, Monroe, who also gave three baby memberships. These memberships helped us overpay our pledge to missions by \$500.00.

Three from our District are going to Mt. Sequoyah in June to the Jurisdiction Guild weekend. They are Elizabeth Langford, First Church, Monroe; Mrs. Agnes Miller, First Church, Monroe; and Mrs. Leonard Rowland, Columbia. We know these three will bring back to us a great store of inspiration and information that will benefit our District greatly. Elizabeth will remain for the School of Missions as editor of MOUNTAIN MINUTES again this year. We are very proud that this honor has come to us through Elizabeth.

In looking over the reports I found that some Units do not have any subscriptions to Guild Times. This is a publication that we can hardly afford to be without. It is so full of information about the entire Conference. You are kept up to date about all the Conference and District meetings as well as reports from Conference officers. Now is the time to subscribe. Get your subscription simply by mailing your name and address along with a dollar to Elizabeth Langford, 306 Bernhardt Bldg., Monroe.

Monroe District had 25 attending Conference in Lake Charles. These were from 10 Guilds. I am happy we had 10 Units represented but have as my goal 100% representation at all Conferences.

Make your plans now to attend Guild Weekend at Camp

Brewer July 14, 15, 16. This is an experience you cannot afford to miss. If you are not able to come on Friday be sure to come on Saturday. The fellowship is wonderful, good food and all in all it is a good experience.

In closing out the first year as your District Secretary I am both pleased and sorry. I am happy about the small increase in membership but wish it were more. There have been no new Units organized but hope to have a better report on this next year. Because I have made many new friends, renewed old friendships and worked for the Lord in company with these Christian women, I feel I have received a special blessing. I am looking forward to visiting more Units next year.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Louise (Mrs. M. C.) Baldrige, District Secretary

MISS MILDRED EVANS, REPORTER

CARROLLTON—Grace Reidenauer, Reporter: A NEW UNIT was organized April 24, with 7 members. Officers elected to serve the new unit are: President, Mrs. Fred (Pat) Hilgeman; Vice-President, Mrs. Terry (Peggy) McCullough; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Walter (Tammy) Brooker; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Dale (Martha) Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. Richard (Betty) Yarbrough; Advisors and Coordinators, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Miller and Mrs. Philip (Grace) Reidenauer.

Officers of both units at Carrollton will be installed at the 11 A. M. Church Service on Sunday, May 21, by Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Pastor.

FIRST METHODIST—Edith Sigbomsen, Reporter: In the last issue of Guild Times we reported that the Guild was sponsoring a dinner to honor our two missionary couples and their families—the Fosmires and the Lowreys. The dinner was a great success in every way. Approximately 230 members of the church and their friends attended. We channeled, through the proper medium, one hundred dollars for each of these wonderful missionary couples.

At our last meeting we had as our speaker, Mrs. Galloway, the wife of our District Superintendent. She spoke on "Women of the Bible" and we certainly enjoyed having Mrs. Galloway with us, as well as being inspired by her message.

Three of our Guild members have been elected to the Official Board and three members have been asked to work with the Intermediates of the MYF. We have found these to be interesting and challenging work.

MUNHOLLAND—Mrs. June Smith, Reporter: A Turkey dinner for 200 people attending the Church-Wide Study, was cooked and served by the members, on January 29.

Rev. Delton Pickering led the members in an inspiring and thought-making study of Basic Christian Beliefs. Sixteen members and four visitors attended regularly.

Adult Life Memberships were presented, in January, to Mrs. Blanche Wade, Vice-President, and Mrs. Ruth Strait.

A NEW UNIT has been organized, since April 15, with 8 members. Officers elected to serve this new unit are: President, Mrs. Fred Walters; Vice-President, Mrs. Herb Wren; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Terry Haberman; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. E. E. Leonard, Jr.; Treasurer, Miss Ethel Wade; Coordinator, Mrs. Sammy Zengel. Their first project will be to serve refreshments at the Summer Vacation Bible School.

RAYNE MEMORIAL—Mrs. Willie Ray Jones, Reporter: Mrs. Roberta Jernigan, Coordinator, prepared the dinner for the church's observance of "Family Night" on April 7, which was served by members of the Guild. The dinner was followed by a talk and slides shown by Rev. Lowry, Missionary to Chile. On April 22, the members helped sponsor the service, at the church, by Dr. Frank Laubach. They also contributed to the funds needed for televising his talk on Sunday morning, April 23. During the school year cookies were given once each week to the students at Tulane-Newcomb Wesley Foundation. Installation of officers was held on Monday evening, May 8, with Mrs. J. W. Young, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service participating. Mrs. Jesse T. (Mona) Hayes, President, was reelected for another year. Plans are being made for good summer meetings. We hope to have several members attend Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer.

ST. LUKE'S—Mrs. Kathryn Huey, President: The members served the dinner to those participating in the every member visitation campaign for the church. Kathryn Huey, President, was reelected to serve another year.

ST. MATTHEW'S—"Skip" Brown, Reporter: The members have been actively interested in the ladies in the Poydras Home for Protestant Aged Women. These women range in age between 71 and 91 years. They have presented them with a large print Bible. Easter baskets were given to them for Easter, and also plants for them to put into the ground and care for. Prayer cards have

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(left to right) MRS. DOROTHY BLANCHARD, President of Munholland Guild which hosted District Meeting, MRS. W. B. LANDRUM Field Worker of Woman's Division and guest speaker, MISS MILDRED EVANS, retiring District Secretary.

been given to the ladies, and each one is remembered with a gift and card on her birthday. Newly elected officers were installed on Monday evening, May 15, at the church. They are: President, Mrs. Ralph "Skip" Brown; Vice-President, Mrs. Harry (Urlene) Rahm; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jim (Frances) Harbison; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Richardson; Treasurer, Mrs. Ann North; Coordinator, Mrs. Dick (Hild) Dickerson. On this occasion, their out-going President, Mrs. Milton C. (Louise) Baldrige, was presented with an Adult Life Membership.

SECOND—Mildred Evans, Reporter: Our study of "Basic Christian Beliefs", taught by Rev. John Koelemay, Pastor of Gentilly Methodist Church, was completed and JR Credit, for it, obtained. The study was inspiring and will long be remembered by those who attend. In addition to the members from our Guild attending the study, several members of Gentilly Guild and Woman's Society of Christian Service attended, and one member of Church of Redeemer Guild.

DISTRICT NEWS—Our Annual District meeting was held on Friday evening, April 21, at Munholland Memorial Methodist Church. With the assistance of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of their church, the members of Munholland's Guild served dinner to approximately seventy people. Special guests were Rev. B. Galloway, District Superintendent; Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Townsend; Rev. Delton Pickering; Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Field Worker for the Woman's Division, who was the guest speaker; Mrs. Carl (Hazel) Gallaher, President of the N. O. District Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. Margaret Manis, Secretary of Promotion; and Mrs. Mary Wade, Treasurer, N. O. District; Mrs. Alice Orr, Conference W. S. C. S. Secretary of Literature and Publications, and Mrs. Ella Dunbar, newly elected Treasurer of N. O. District W. S. C. S. Following the dinner, the meeting was opened with a devotional given by Mrs. Virginia Delany. Reports on the year's activities were given by the Chairmen of Lines of Work and the District Secretary. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Milton C. (Louise) Baldrige, District Secretary; Mrs. DeEllo Simon, Spiritual Life Chairman; Mrs. Helen McMahon, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Kathryn Wallace was elected to the nominating committee; Mrs. V. L. (Martha) Frampton; Mrs. Margaret Manis and Mrs. Howard Daughenbaugh, officers of the W. S. C. S. of the New Orleans District, were elected to the Guild District Committee. Following the meeting, Mrs. W. B. Landrum addressed the members, giving an inspiring and interesting talk.

Plans for a Tea and Installation of Officers on Sunday afternoon, May 21, and a Promotion Workshop on Tuesday evening, May 30, are being made.

The District hopes to be well represented at Camp Brewer for Guild Weekend and at Centenary for Conference School of Missions.

We are happily looking forward to Spring Conference next March in New Orleans.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Adele Nugent, (Mrs. Earl), District Secretary

MRS. BOOTS GUTHRIE—REPORTER

The First Methodist Church of Springhill was the setting for our annual District Spring Meeting at 2:30 P. M., Sunday, April 23rd. Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Hubbard Boucher, president and members of the Springhill unit.

Our District Secretary, Mrs. Adele Nugent was unable to be with us for this meeting. Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary, presided in Adele's absence.

There were 34 members present representing 6 of the 11

Guilds in Ruston District. Mrs. Cain, the Springhill church pastor's lovely wife gave the invocation.

We heard some good reports from the local presidents and district chairmen of lines of work. Some good pointers for promotion secretaries and treasurers reports were brought out, too.

During the meeting it was suggested and agreed upon that each unit appoint a reporter. She will report all news from her unit to the district secretary prior to each issue of the Guild Times. We are in hopes that this will stimulate interest in Guild Times and provide better coverage of news from the district.

Everyone enjoyed the fellowship of the coffee hour immediately following the meeting.

We are glad to announce that our District Secretary, who has continued to serve the district even when she was desperately ill, is now much improved and back to work. And I might add, full of enthusiasm for promoting Guild work in Ruston District.

Mrs. Thomas D. (Boots) Guthrie, Jr. has been appointed to serve the unexpired term of Mrs. Eugene Hearne from Jonesboro, who has resigned as District Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

Boots is a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Ruston. The Virginia Laskey unit has elected her to serve as president for the coming year. She became a Guild member just three years ago with her membership in the Eliazbeth Langford Guild at the time this unit was organized in Monroe District.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT  
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The District Spring Meeting was held April 9th at Park Avenue Church. Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Field Worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service was speaker for the afternoon. Her message was directed at presenting the possibilities for growth and service in the Woman's Society of Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, along with the opportunities presented by working in cooperation. Mrs. Landrum outlined most interestingly some work she expects to do this summer in Japan and Korea working with women there in setting up their educational programs.

District and Conference officers were guests. Guests from the Ruston District were also present. Park Avenue officers and Guild members served at a social hour.

District officers of the Woman's Society and the Guild met with Mrs. Landrum for an evening dinner session.

Annual reports to the secretary were excellent. There has been an increase in giving largely through Honorary Memberships.

Activities for the year have shown marked increase in joint activities of the Guilds and the Woman's Societies of Christian Service. There has been increased participation, too, of the Guild members within their Units in the area of study and program.

Seventeen Studies were reported as completed; sixteen for JR's. Plain Dealing, Noel, Mansfield, and Park Avenue led with two each.

The following received Adult Life Memberships:

MANGUM—Mrs. Genevieve Gentry.

WYNN—Mrs. James E. Carr and Mrs. Wanda Atkinson.

BROADMOOR—Mrs. Dallas King.

MANSFIELD—Mrs. Bert Webster, Mrs. Daisy Hunter, Mrs. Hazel Hamilton, Mrs. Florence McKinnon, Mrs. Catherine Jones and Miss Inez Wansley.

PARK AVENUE—Awarded three memberships to men in their church, they were: Mr. J. C. Tadlock, Mr. J. E. Channell and Walter Daniels.

The MANSFIELD Guild honored their president Miss Elizabeth Lowrey with an Honorary Life Membership. Elizabeth is an outstanding worker in the Guild and we know her Unit loves and appreciate her as do other members of the Guild in the District and Conference.

BROADMOOR had an evening fellowship April 25th to promote membership in the Guild. Invitations were issued to all employed women in the church. Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service assisted in the hostessing.

Miss Arline Tyler presented the Wesleyan Service Guild as an opportunity for service, fellowship and a deepening relationship of the women of the church.

PARK AVENUE Mother-Daughter banquet was held on Friday before Mother's Day. Held in the church dining room it was a joint activity of the Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service, to which all women of the church were invited. A good program and an evening of fellowship was reported.

WYNN and NOEL both had "Quiet Breakfasts" preceding Easter. This service has become a yearly event in the program of

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these Guilds. Each year brings increased satisfaction and participation in this form of worship and spiritual fellowship during Lent.

## NEW GUILD UNIT ORGANIZED AT MANY

The Shreveport District welcomes a new working Unit into the Guild Fellowship. A Unit at the church in Many, Louisiana. The Mansfield Unit assisted in the organization. The officers: President, Mrs. Sam Hayes; Vice-President, Mrs. Lee Miller; Recording-Secretary, Mrs. David Camp; Treasurer, Mrs. Martha Bird and Co-ordinator, Mrs. Ora Lee Petty.

The Unit has seventeen members. Send them your greetings and welcome them into the fellowship of the District.

## VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

Beginning with the September issue of Guild Times, our own Dr. Vela Cleveland, missionary to India, will visit you by letter. So many Guilders and friends want to keep in touch with Vela that we have invited her to share her experience with us thru the pages of Guild Times. You who have been receiving Vela's monthly letters, via Lillian Gaines, will now hear from Vela thru Guild Times. This will give Vela more time for her many demands as a medical missionary and will permit more of us at home to have first-hand news from her. And all it costs YOU is a subscription to Guild Times (\$1.00).

In Vela's March letter she told of additional duties assigned her:

March 2, 1961

Dear Guilders and Friends,

... I wrote you last while on my way to Central Conference—comparable to Jurisdictional Conference—in Hyderabad. It was very interesting and informative of our All-India Methodist business.

One recommendation of Central Conference is that we should have a Fellowship of our Methodist medical workers—one in North India and one in South India, which will be called the North and South India (Methodist) Medical Fellowships. Today we are on our way to our first meeting of the South I. M. F. meeting in Bider. This will be a two and one-half day meeting—some clinical reports, case reports, information reports, reports from all the various dispensaries, centers, hospitals, etc., pictures from various places, etc. The main object is closer fellowship and cooperation between our various medical units and give our isolated units a chance for inspiration and fellowship with the medical workers of our church. It really is a small group with representatives from each unit according to the size of the unit.

Another action of the Medical Council Meeting was to elect me as Secretary of the All-India Methodist Medical Scholarship Committee. This job I was sort of holding together while Esther was on furlough. But now that I'm actually "it" I find I never get through. In the first place all forms and blanks have been revised. These have been organized and procedures set up—all of which I had to do—and then get them to the printers. Then all the correspondence with all new applicants for entrance into Medical School in July, 1961, sending them new forms, getting information out to key people in all 11 Conferences in India in re procedure for applying for scholarship, plus thank-you letters to people at home who send money gifts out through the New York office to be used for scholarships, plus contacting students to write thank-you notes also. We have 71 scholarship students at the present, mostly medical students although we have some in certificate nursing, some in BSC nursing, some graduate nursing students, pharmacists, technicians, etc. Most of them are in Christian Medical College, Vellore, and Mrs. Bob Chappell keeps close contact with them for me. The next largest group is in Christian Medical College, Ludhiana and Mrs. Garst keeps close contact with them for me—and with Dr. Masih, assistant secretary for the North. 19 students are in the various medical colleges and schools run by government. Dr. Masih and I must keep tabs on these students. This is really a big job and really is keeping me quite busy—especially as I'm now doing full time work in the hospital. . . .

Blessings on thee all,  
Vela

## OFF TO MT. SEQUOYAH

Guilders going to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, June 23, 24, 25 include:

Misses SUE BATTON and RUBY COTTON of Minden; Mrs. AGNES MILLER and Miss ELIZABETH LANGFORD of Monroe; Mrs. LEONARD ROWLAND, Columbia; Misses MARIE WHITE, HERMINE TATE and Mrs. BESSIE FAIRLEY, Opelousas; Mrs. RUTH COWELL, Pineville; Mrs. BEE SANDEFUR, Bunkie; Mrs. EMMA MAINOUS, Mrs. ZOLA McGEHEE, Miss GAIL HOWARD and Mrs. WILMA POWERS of Baton Rouge; Miss ELIZABETH LOWERY of Mansfield; Miss RUTH RUSSELL of Winnfield and Misses MILDRED KEY and MATTIE BACKER of Shreveport. On the Jurisdiction level Miss ARLINE TYLER will attend both the Guild Weekend and the School of Missions. Your editor, assisted by Gail Howard, will edit the Mountain Minutes for the Weekend and the School of Missions. Ruby Craton, and Ruth Cowell will also attend the School of Missions.

## INSURANCE INFORMATION

Each Guild member attending Camp Brewer Guild Weekend, or other Conference meetings, is covered by life insurance, the premium being a part of the registration fee. This insurance policy covers the individual, not only while in attendance at the meeting, but also while traveling directly between home and the meeting place for a period of forty-eight hours preceding or following the meeting. Should any accident or illness occur, it must be reported to the Conference Recording Secretary at once. Write Miss Marilyn Carter, P. O. Box 150, New Iberia, La., and she, in turn, will advise the applicant what steps to take.

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Guilders, it is hard to realize that this issue of GUILD TIMES ends my fourth year as your editor. You have been so cordial in your acceptance of my editorship and have made the job a challenge to me. As I enter my 5th year I again ask that you help me to make GUILD TIMES more meaningful to the Guilds of our Conference. This will be accomplished IF you increase the subscriptions in YOUR Guild so that we may be self-supporting financially. Then, keep your District Secretary informed about unusual items of interest. The news should be channeled through her to me.

This issue concludes your subscription for 1960-61. You may send your renewals in NOW, or send them by your delegate to Camp Brewer Weekend. I have already received a number of renewals, the first of 11 coming from Mattie Levins and the Minden Guild, with a promise of others to follow.

Be sure to put 3 SUBSCRIPTIONS in your budget for (1) your pastor, (2) your President of W. S. C. S. and (3) your own Guild file. We still have a few GUILD TIMES BINDERS, ON SALE FOR 40c at Guild Weekend.

The enclosed blank may be used by your Guild for all subscriptions, or you may send them in individually. BE SURE TO GIVE THE NAME OF YOUR GUILD UNIT and any change of address. Mark if "renewal".

As we GROW with GUILD TIMES, may we grow, also, in the purposes of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Devotedly,  
Your Editor  
Elizabeth Langford

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## 15th GUILD WEEKEND AT BREWER WAS DIFFERENT

OR WAS IT REALLY DIFFERENT? Maybe your editor is just searching for a different way to tell you about another wonderful weekend at Camp Brewer. For four consecutive years I have searched for some adequate way to describe to the unfortunates who could not share the weekend with us the very wonderful experiences that bless the lives of those who do attend our weekend conferences at Camp Brewer . . . and to do justice by those who DO go and will be wondering if "the half can ever be told". I've looked back over the Guild Times issues following each summer's activities and I might just say "read them for yourself and add a post script of ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND CHALKED UP FOR LOUISIANA GUILDERS."

I'm not bragging, even though I love to brag on our fine Guild women. The picture below, with happy, smiling faces, represents the majority of the 145 who registered for the 15th annual conference. You'd not believe that this picture was snapped between rains. But you have never seen such convenient rains. They came often, and cooled the otherwise hot July summer heat—between sessions in the tabernacle—meals in dining hall—and sleep in the cabins, we had rain. Someone said it was the most "relaxing weekend she had ever had".

But let us give the Program Committee, with Ruth Cowell as chairman, credit for a program that was relaxing and different also. With much planning aforesaid, the theme "The Faith that

Compels Us" was developed in every phase of the program. Mildred Evans, the newly elected Spiritual Life Chairman, really worked her New Orleans delegation in preparing attractive and worshipful meal-time prayers and altar settings ahead of time. Those who were invited to lead the vespers and give devotionals, used the theme to lift up the minds and hearts in further thought on the subject.

The Registration and Housing Committee was handled by Lafayette District, with Maree White and Marilyn Carter making assignments, and they say there were no problems!

The Clinics and Workshops were directed with efficiency by our fine Conference Chairmen and assisted by women from the Woman's Society of Christian Service, as well as our district secretaries. We especially want to thank Grace Lawson and Alice Orr for the wonderful way in which they handled the Literature Room. Always on hand, with fingers on the cash register!

The presentation of the JR STUDIES was made by the delegates who had the privilege of taking the Studies at Mt. Sequoyah. Mrs. Ruth Cowell presented "The Christian and Responsible Citizenship", Miss Sue Batton and Miss Gail Howard presented "New Churches for New Times", Miss Ruby Craton—"The Christian Mission in Latin America" and your editor—"The Meaning of

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# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Since June 21, I have been very busy in meetings and have not had the opportunity to answer your many wonderful letters. Now I would like to take this means of recognizing them. They were deeply appreciated and I can assure you it encourages me to go forward in our Guild program. We all realize that we are living in a changed and troubled world and the demands are very great.

Our Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer was very encouraging. We had a capacity crowd. The program was very fine and the attendance of the eight or nine younger Guild women helped to make the weekend most rewarding. Their presence was a challenge to us.

We met our quota of twenty-one for the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah. Also the Conference Secretary and three Lines of Work were represented at the Jurisdiction School of Missions. I have just returned from the Conference School of Missions which was held at Centenary College. Our Guild Clinic was the best yet, with some thirty-five or forty in attendance, with great interest and participation from all.

Miss Sarah Quillen, in reporting on the pioneering type of work she has done in Conferences, made these observations:

1. Many Guilds are doing quality work.
2. One problem is that the Guild is not always recognized as an organization of employed women.
3. We need to interpret the uniqueness of the Guild. We have too much of the sameness of both organizations.
4. We must be careful in choosing leadership.
5. We must do more officer training.

She also stressed the importance of enlisting young women who are noticeably absent.

I would like to call your attention to number four, and I quote: "We must be careful in choosing leadership. To have a wide awake organization, we must have officers who are concerned and who are willing to make a sacrifice by attending meetings".

It is also very important for Lines of Work to channel material to corresponding Lines of Work as soon as it is received and always send a copy to your District Secretary if it is on the District level, marked "For your information". If it is a Conference Office channeling material, send a copy to the Conference Secretary, marked "For your information". This is very important.

Our Officers' Training will be held at Camp Brewer September 9 and 10. All District and Conference Officers are expected to attend. The meeting will open Saturday afternoon.

Please let me thank you again for your cooperation, your concern, and your witness.

Sue Batton  
Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service  
Guild

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

May, I once, again express to each of you who assumed a definite responsibility for Guild Weekend, my most sincere thanks and appreciation for a job well done! And to those of you who were in the Clinic, I extend my appreciation and thanks for your cooperation and response.

Plan, with your committee on program, for the observance of the Fellowship of Intercession and the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Fellowship of Intercession cards may be ordered from Literature Headquarters. Through this medium we pray together for others. Page 19 of the Methodist Woman for July-August, 1961 carries a program to present the Fellowship of Intercession.

Your District Secretary received the sample packets for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, for each unit, at Guild Weekend. Week of Prayer, October 25-31, 1961, is an important event in our year's activities. Plan for its observance. It affords an opportunity for you to share your possessions, through your giving, to the projects benefiting from the offering. Its observance will give you an opportunity to show your Christian Stewardship, as well as, an opportunity for individual and group prayer for others. All of this will help you spiritually.

And, may all of us be much in prayer for our President, our

nation, and our world during these days of turmoil and disturbing events.

Let us pray as St. Francis "Lord make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy."

## 15TH WEEKEND AT BREWER WAS DIFFERENT

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Suffering". It is hoped that all Guild units in the Conference will take one or more of these Studies this Guild year.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT this year provided enjoyment and information in the form of dramatizations and film strips. On Saturday evening, after a lusty sing-song, lead by our wonderful song leader, Mrs. Paul Anderson, we first saw a film strip titled "LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS" with Mrs. Alice Orr at the loud-speaker. After an interesting Bible Hour conducted by Miss Ruby Craton, the film "A PLUS FOR WORKING WOMEN" was shown, with Mrs. Agnes Miller operating the projector for both films. These films are available for a local unit use.

After the early Communion at Vesper Point, conducted by Rev. Roland Freidrich Associate of First Church, Alexandria, we again had something DIFFERENT at the morning hour of worship when we heard, not a minister, but a minister's wife, Mrs. Guy M. Hicks climaxed the morning with an inspiring message on "Escape Into Faith".

As at every Guild Weekend or Conference, the Executive Committee, which operates so efficiently behind the scenes, showed evidence of much preparation and study. Miss Sue Batton, as Conference Secretary, met with her Guild Committee several times. During these sessions the new By-Laws and Standing Rules were unanimously recommended to the Conference for adoption. Plans were announced for the Coaching Conference which meets in September at Camp Brewer. The district secretaries made plans to take instruction back to their various districts.

And of course there was time for swimming in the pool, sitting in groups under the cupola or on the porch, or talking "into the night hours" after retiring in the cabins. Coffee at six in the morning always started a good day. The McArthurs served us well with appetizing dishes, so our bodies, as well as our spirits, feasted on the bounties of a wonderful Guild Weekend. On behalf of all who attended I say "thank you" for the 15th Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer.



WORKSHOP GROUP—"SECRETARIES OF PROMOTION" with Mrs. Emma Mainous and Mrs. Nell Patterson as Leaders

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Agnes Miller, (Mrs. Austin), Conference Chairman

A new idea has come to the Guilds of Louisiana for service to our full time workers. Lists of deaconesses, active missionaries, retired missionaries, and others who have gone out from Louisiana, or who are working here, have been sent to the District Chairmen of Missionary Education for distribution to the local Guilds. The idea is for the locals to remember these workers with cards and letters (but NOT GIFTS) on their birthdays and at other times such as Christmas and Easter. It will be just a small way for us to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

The first quarter is over and we are well on our way in the

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## WORKERS WITH THE MASTER GARDENER



ILLUSTRATED POSTER "WORK WITH THE MASTER GARDENER"

Requests were made for copies of the script used when "WORKERS FOR THE MASTER GARDENER" was presented by Mrs. Alvin Sandifer and members of Alexandria District at the Guild Weekend. With the use of a large poster, mounted on an easel, a picture of a church surrounded by a green lawn, introduced the illustrated presentation. As the speaker gave the following, the landscape grew, both in beauty and meaning; as illustrated drawings were added to the landscape:

"We are stewards to whom God entrusts the bounties of the earth. We should use these bounties to reflect His glory, giving a good account of our stewardship as workers with the Master Gardener.

"Surprised to see a church situated as this one? It's more surprising still to see a beautiful garden grow up around it before our eyes—this garden is one of Christian service. As we go into this garden, we must accept the responsibility of tending the vines planted in it, and great is our responsibility, for all manner of things are there to spoil the vines.

"Starting with a Christ-centered church from which to draw inspiration—and power and motivation—let us see what we have brought into bloom this 1960-61.

I. First, of course, is the need of a POOL in our garden. Water gives nourishment and growth. This pool represents our programs, reflecting in its waters the beauty of all our work.

II. Close by the church we place a wide spreading ELM TREE, representing our Christian Social Relations. Some branches extending toward the church, others into the community and beyond. . . Our United Nations interests, our World Community Days and 'voting' for all Guild women.

III. A FOUNTAIN keeps the water deep and pure. This represents Missionary Education and Service, the free flowing of ourselves, our service and our gifts. Many Guilds took as many as three JR Studies, some only two, others one, and a very few took all four. Vela's letters have given us much information, as has other missionary notes.

IV. A fruitful APPLE TREE, shedding fragrance and beauty over the garden, represents our Spiritual Life . . . our devotionals at each meeting, our prayer groups, our worship settings that have become more meaningful and beautiful at our unit meetings, our Day Apart, our Retreats, Week of Prayer and Self Denial, World Day of Prayer, and our Quiet Meals.

V. A sturdy OAK TREE represents Finances. Some branches toward our church, others toward home missions and still others stretch out toward foreign lands. We see money transformed into service and spiritual values.

VI. FLOWERS, singly or in groups, represent Supply. Our Askings for Lucknow Conference, for Epworth Village and for Dulac.

VII. A BOOK on the bench tells of our subscriptions to The Methodist Woman, World Outlook and Guild Times.

VIII. The STEPPING STONES must be there—our officers—our workers—yes, for all Guild members, for all must be active.

IX. Lastly, the RAINBOW, which signifies our hopes, dreams, plans for the new Guild year. As the garden expands, I trust it will grow ever nearer the church, with the center in God.

"Gardening is a work which is never completed. Now that

this garden has bloomed, should we not begin thinking of our next season—fertilizing, cultivating, planning and planting all over again?

"Let us pray: Oh Christ, whose busy hands worked at the carpenter trade, speak to us, the working women. We know the long day of labor. We were few yesterday, who left their homes to work, but today we are many and our problems are many. O' Master Workman, make our hands your hands. O' Master Gardener, set us afire for Thy name's sake. Amen."

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Ruth B. Cowell, (Mrs. E. T.), Conference Chairman

Greetings from your Christian Social Relations Chairman—so sorry to have missed so many of you district officers at Guild Weekend.

What have you been doing this summer? Hope you've been working at something—something to forward the Christian Social Relations work of our Guild.

One thing I hope you have worked at is the "U N We Believe" materials, stamps and letters. One district secretary wrote her district suggesting they become more informed by studying the Methodist Social Creed and a study of the United Nations. That's a good idea!

Also, have you been keeping up with all the critics of the National Council of Churches? And are you studying to be able to answer them? That is our job, to know what is right and true.

Fall and more regular meetings are just around the corner. Let us make definite plans for study—not only our study books, but all things pertaining to Christian Social Relations and the other phases of our work. I feel sure you'll enjoy "Under Orders", our C. S. R. study book for this year. And the supplemental material "The Methodist Social Creed", "Compassion and Community" and others, are most interesting and informational.

We are urged by the Woman's Division of Christian Social Relations to note pertinent and current issues before our Congress and Senate and to study the laws as they are presented. Then learn where the Woman's Division stands and write letters to your congressmen and senators that they may know how you feel and how they can vote to accord with your wishes. In particular learn all you can of Law 78, concerning Nationals who are imported and of domestic workers—wages, living conditions, etc. The vote on it is coming up now. WRITE!

Since we have our Twenty First Annual Report now, let us communicate with each other—exchange ideas, etc. Do let me hear from you—and let us make this the finest, most progressive and humane year yet. With God's help nothing is impossible. Let's get to work!

## HAVE YOU READ YOUR TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

You have just received your 21st Annual Report of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Louisiana Conference. The Committee is to be commended for the excellent format of the report. It is hoped that every Guild president will introduce the report to her Guild at an early date. We especially call your attention to the Guild By-Laws and Standing Rules on pages 125-129. You may become an informed Guild if you will read the minutes of each Conference session and learn what takes place beyond the local level. What we will do during the next decade depends largely on those of you who study the scope of our great organization and work within the pattern formulated by the Division, the Jurisdiction and the Conference.

## ANNUAL REPORT DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF MISS WILLIE MAY PORTER

We are especially grateful to the Report Committee for dedicating the 21st Annual Report to the memory of "an employed woman"—a deaconess, known and loved by so many Guild women. Willie May Porter, whose home was in Monroe, gave more than thirty years to her church as a Deaconess. Wherever she served she gave special attention to the employed women and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Your editor had her first experience in Guild work beyond the local level almost 20 years ago when she visited Willie May in Longview, Texas on a weekend when her church hosted the Guild district conference. Willie May's devotion to her Master was truly an example of unselfish love and the tribute paid her in the Annual Report warms our hearts.



## SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION GUILD WEEKEND WELL ATTENDED



MRS. HAZEL DABNEY, Secretary—South Central Jurisdiction and MISS ARLINE TYLER, Spiritual Life Chairman—South Central Jurisdiction.



"GOING TO CLASSES IN MARTIN BUILDING"  
Mt. Sequoyah—School of Missions

The quota of 21 Guilders from the Louisiana Conference who attended the Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah reported a record attendance from the eight states comprising the South Central Jurisdiction. Mrs. Hazel Dabney, the Jurisdiction Guild Secretary steered the busy weekend program to a successful close. 589 registrations from sixteen conferences represented 1,484 Wesleyan Service Guilds in the Jurisdiction with a total of 35,043 Guild members. Plans for this quadrennium (60-64) were made by the Guild Committee and presented in clinics and workshops.

In all phases of Guild work we were greatly assisted by our Executive Secretary of the Division, Miss Lillian Johnson of the New York Office. Miss Johnson also remained for the School of Missions and during the week, was honored with a dinner attended by all Guild delegates.

Louisiana is proud to have Miss Arline Tyler on the Jurisdiction Guild Committee as Spiritual Life Chairman. Evidence of her contribution to the program was seen in the beautiful posters, worship settings and her worship period on the program. Miss Sue Batton, our Conference Secretary, headed the Committee on Housing and she and those who assisted her had about the busiest time on the Mountain. That is, with one exception. Your editor thinks she was the busiest of all. Especially after we got into the program of the School of Missions. Of course I had excellent help. This was my second year as editor of MOUNTAIN MINUTES and this year we included the Guild Weekend with our news sheet. Miss Gail Howard of North Baton Rouge Guild served as my capable assistant and typist. Her genial disposition and willingness to be of service made our working together a real joy. And the women on the Mountain made us feel that MOUNTAIN MINUTES was worth all the hard work we put into it in order that they might have a news sheet each morning before breakfast.

With our busy program we did not miss the opportunity of taking a JR Study. The privilege of taking "The Meaning of Suffering" under Miss Florence Palmer was one I shall always remember. Be sure to have this Study in your Guild.

Louisiana was also well represented at the School of Missions. We are always proud of Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Shreveport, and Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Pineville, who serve on the Jurisdiction level, and Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Ruston, who is a member of the Woman's Division and on the Guild Committee.

If you have never been to Mt. Sequoyah, you should begin now to make plans for the Guild Weekend. Remember, we have a small quota allowed. Start early.

## SUPPLY WORK

Ruth Guthrie, (Mrs. T. D.), Conference Chairman

PLEASE NOTE: "During the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, the Executive Committee of our South Central Jurisdiction saw fit to place DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER, Dulac, Louisiana, back on the list of CASH ASKINGS for the Louisiana Guilds.

The amount of CASH asked for is \$50.00, to help toward the purchasing of sports materials, art, music and household supplies.

The July issue of Guild Times listed all other SUPPLY ASKINGS, as well as the list of materials which your cash will help to provide. Full information pertaining to our Supply work has been mailed to each District Chairman of Supply Work. I feel sure that you have made the proper division of cash askings and notified all local chairmen and your district treasurer as to locations and amount of cash to be given by each local Guild unit during 1961-62.

We, as Guild members, have a part in the support of all the work of the Woman's Division in both home and foreign fields through our Supply Work. During this quadrennium (1960-1964) we are thinking especially about "town and country" work at home and children's work, including training programs for children's workers in the foreign fields.

The rural and community work at both National College, Kansas City, Missouri and Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, offers training for students preparing for rural church and community work. A variety of field experiences is available in small churches and on charges in rural areas. Students work independently, but have the guidance of a field supervisor at the college, so that there is opportunity for creative growth on the part of both the student and the church. There are three types of field work: (1) The concurrent placement, in which the student makes regular visits on Sunday to her church and community; (2) The weekend placement, in which the student spends the weekend as a resident of a community while working there; and (3) The summer placement, a 10-week or three month experience in a project sponsored by the Woman's Division, working with a full time, experienced rural worker. The weekend and summer placement work include maintenance and a financial stipend.

The program at Dulac Community Center includes adult education, recreation for all ages, visitation, personal counseling and a kindergarten. It also attempts to bring health education, including an understanding of nutrition and modern methods of sanitation to the Houma Indians of this area, deep in the bayou country. Dulac is isolated, and the cost of private medical care is almost prohibitive. A full double page coverage of the work at Dulac may be found in the January, 1961 issue of the Methodist Woman, under the title "Miracle at Dulac".

Cash for Supply Work in our foreign fields helps to provide educational opportunities for children, training mothers in child care, and kindergarten teachers, both in Africa and in Latin America. They also have social and evangelistic centers with a church, school, kindergarten, clinics and a camping program.

In Africa there are homes for babies whose mothers are patients at the leprosy colony. The babies are kept in the baby fold until the mother's disease is arrested and she is discharged from the colony.

SUPPLY WORK is such a vast and challenging program. I could go on and on, but space does not permit. Again, I urge you to read the two "DO YOU KNOW" booklets and the 21st Annual Report of the Woman's Division, the Methodist Woman, World Outlook, Guild Handbook, and THE HANDBOOK FOR SECRETARIES OF SUPPLY WORK. Make your program come alive by bringing these locations, types of work and workers into your midst with news items from such literature.

Pray daily for this work and our Christian workers. "At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. (Acts 16:25) Remember: Kindly deeds done in the day will be as music at midnight to the soul".



## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

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new year. Summer is decidedly not the time when Guilders study. So far there have been only two studies reported, though, of course, there may be some that have not been reported yet. With the coming of fall we will begin to study in earnest. Let's strive to have at least one study for Jurisdictional Recognition in every Guild in the Conference.

The new studies are most challenging . . . Churches for New Times, Responsible Citizenship, Latin America, and the Meaning of Suffering. Those who went to Mount Sequoyah, Camp Brewer, and the School of Missions say that we have never had better studies than this year.

At Camp Brewer packets of Missionary Education material were distributed to be placed in the hands of every local Secretary of Missionary Education in the Conference. These were made by a committee composed of Mary Lee Barbee, Annie Seidenspinner, Jenibe Westbrook, Frances Langford, Juanita Porter, and Agnes Miller. Ruby Craton brought additional material to Camp Brewer to add. In all 125 packets were made and stuffed. It is hoped that they will be of real service to each Guild in planning the year's program.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Miss Marie Pace, District Secretary

Everyone who attended the Guild Weekend from our district certainly enjoyed the complete program and fellowship. Twenty-four in number were present.

Our District is well represented on the Tour to Europe to the World Alliance and Holy Land. Dr. and Mrs. Guy Hicks from First Methodist Church Alexandria, with Mrs. Viola Seeling and from Bunkie, there were five, with three Guilders. A report will be submitted with all names and activities attended, when they return.

All Guilds have helped with Vacation Bible schools, and different church activities for children and young people.

First Church, Alexandria, had the honor of having a group of MYF form a work camp and go down to Mexico to help Margaret Wade Campbell and group there. They are full of enthusiasm. Call on them to tell you about their experiences.

Plans for our district fall meeting are under way and our work with each Guild in the district will get started. Sorry, Guilders, more next time.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Emma P. Mainous, (Mrs. C. G.), District Secretary

On June the 4th, 58 Guild members in Baton Rouge District, met in Ponchatoula at 2:30 P. M. for the annual District Officers' training.

In the absence of Mrs. Vesta Rownd, Spiritual Life Chairman, Miss Edith Robinson brought a very meaningful meditation entitled "Mature Christians". The thoughts brought by Edith set the tone for the presentation that followed.

Mrs. Emma Mainous presented the information that the officers would need in doing their jobs more effectively, in a very interesting and unique way. By using two methods, one very good and one that was all wrong, it was pointed up very clearly, how they could make their programs and business meetings more interesting.

The major committees, their members and functions, were discussed and through group participation a most interesting exchange of ideas was given.

Mrs. Maude Wesley, as President of unit x presented a meeting that was all wrong by any rule. The secretary wrote at length about the refreshments but little else, while the program chairman handed out the parts on the program just before she started the program. The meeting started late and lasted "late".

Mrs. Louise Beard as President of unit x presented a meeting that was well organized and could well be used as a yard stick.

Mrs. Ruth Travis, as Secretary of Promotion, having 40 minutes before her favorite TV program, made out her report, all by herself. This was very amusing, but, we were all aware that so many of the reports are made this way.

Emma, then pointed up the use of the Executive Committee in making reports and stressed the unfairness of not allowing the chairmen to channel their information, since the Secretary of Promotion's report is the one source through which all activities, other than finance, are reported.

The members were asked to use the comparison they had witnessed to evaluate their own programs.

It was emphasized that there is no set rule for conducting a meeting as long as good procedure is used and the purpose accomplished. No effort was made to establish a set procedure as a model, just comparison given to stimulate thinking and involve the

group in discussion.

A questionnaire had been sent to all officers prior to the meeting. Many officers had been given assignments that were found in the handbooks. These questionnaires were discussed and much valuable information was given.

Following the meeting a fellowship hour was enjoyed by the group as the Ponchatoula unit, with Mrs. Edith Liles, President, served refreshments.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Maree White, District Secretary

On June 10 members of Lafayette District met in Lake Arthur for a Quiet Time Apart. The meeting was planned and arranged by Mrs. Jewell Carver of Rayne, district chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation. Our leader was Mrs. Helen Adams Preston of Lake Charles whose spiritual direction led our prayer and our thinking into paths of peace, quietness, and soul-searching. Our hostess was Mrs. Flavia Lambert, who served coffee and cookies at the close of the meeting at her camp by the lake.

Three members from Lafayette District attended Guild Weekend at Mount Sequoyah: Miss Hermine Tate from Lafayette, and Mrs. Bessie Fairley and Miss Maree White from Opelousas.

Seven members representing three of the five Guild units in the district attended Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer: Miss Marilyn Carter and Mrs. Ernie Fremie from New Iberia; Miss Hermine Tate, Miss Faye Dalton, Mrs. Jean Gilmore, and Mrs. Mary Jo Tullios from Lafayette; and Miss Maree White from Opelousas. The district had the responsibility of registration and housing for the weekend.

Mrs. Jerome Cain, wife of the District Superintendent, installed the officers of the Lafayette Guild at their May meeting using the Guild ritual, illustrating it with candles set in a cross-shaped block of styrofoam; white candles for the members were lighted at the end of the ritual.

New Iberia officers were installed along with the officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at a Sunday night church service. At a regular meeting in June, this group was led in an officers' training session by the district secretary.

Mrs. Katherine Thomas of Lafayette, conference recording secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, installed the officers of the Opelousas Guild in an impressive candlelight ceremony. This Guild, during its 1960-61 year raised enough money to bring a young ministerial student from Emory University to be the director of summer youth activities. Mr. Jim Humphries from Moultrie, Georgia, has filled this post with a wonderful program; his leadership and enthusiasm have added immeasurably to the work in this field. He was the principal speaker at a regular July Guild meeting at which time the girls in the Senior MYF and their adult counselors and the Superintendent of the Young People's Department of the Sunday School were invited. A Youth Membership was presented to Miss Linda Rose on this occasion in recognition of her contribution to the work of the church.

## IN MEMORIAM

New Iberia members:

1. Mother of Mrs. Myrtie Bell Herring.
2. Father of Mrs. R. B. Boatright.
3. Husband of Mrs. Julia Friend.
4. Brother of Mrs. Sylvia Miller.

Opelousas members:

1. Mother of Mrs. Hattie Childs and Mrs. Myra Byrd.

Monroe members:

The brother of Mrs. Margaret Barnosky, Unit 1, First Methodist Church, Monroe.

DeRidder members:

The mother of Lou and Reine Bienvenu, and Rosa McCullough, Susie Jones Guild, DeRidder.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Grace M. Lawson, District Secretary

Guilds in the Lake Charles District seem to be having an interesting and busy summer. We had a good attendance at Camp Brewer but were quite disappointed that some Guilds were not represented.

Mrs. H. K. Faulk from JENNINGS, Mrs. Alberta Salmons and Mrs. Viola Griffin of UNIVERSITY (Lake Charles), Mrs. Mary Blankenship of DERIDDER, and Miss Laura Lynch, District Chairman of Supply of LEESVILLE, as well as Grace Lawson, the District Secretary, attended the School of Missions and the Guild Clinic at Centenary College August 7-11.

SIMPSON Guild reports interesting activity sponsored by the  
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Committee on Christian Social Relations. Each member of the Guild wrote letters to state, national, and international leaders, expressing interest in, and support of the United Nations. They report that they have received many replies thanking them for their concern.

JENNINGS Guild reports a similar letter writing project. They are also making a study of the Social Creed of the Methodist Church. Their Committee on Local Church Activities under the leadership of Miss May Shaffer had a busy summer, assisting with Youth Activities and other local church projects.

UNIVERSITY reports several new members added during the summer, and several other prospects.

DeQUINCY members are enjoying their "Sunshine Sisters" this summer as well as some very inspiring programs.

The Spiritual Life Committee of the Julia Reid Unit, Lake Charles under the leadership of Miss Sara Gaunt, have initiated a period of prayer and meditation just prior to the regular Guild meeting each month. These sessions are well attended and are quite inspiring to those who attend.

Several Units, including the Maye Youngblood Unit at DeRidder, have adopted the World Bank as a method of increasing their giving to missions this year.

The Lake Charles District will have three Coaching Conferences again this year as well as some Officers' Training meetings, either locally or by zones.



CAROLYN GRUMLEY  
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Miss Carolyn Gormley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gormley of Leesville, was awarded the Gertrude E. Daubs Memorial Scholarship, when she graduated from Leesville High School last May.

The scholarship, valued at \$150, is presented annually by the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church. Recipients must be in the upper fourth of the class, scholastically, and must be active in church work, and other activities.

Carolyn was valedictorian of the 85 member graduating class, served as Student Council treasurer for three years; was a member of the school homecoming court for two years and was selected as Miss Leesville High School for the school annual, the Wampus Cat, this year.

She was active in athletics and received the basketball scholarship award at the 1961 All Sports banquet; was a member of the Beta Club, and was a delegate to Pelican Girls' State last summer.

As valedictorian, she had her choice of college scholarships and will attend Louisiana State University this fall.

Carolyn has been active in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School as far back as she can remember; as a member of the church choir; served as president of the MYF and secretary of the Anacoco Sub-district.

A look into the future might reveal Carolyn as an active worker in the Wesleyan Service Guild.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Zella Cotton (Mrs. W. A.), District Secretary

The Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer was attended by 21 from the Monroe District representing 8 Guild units. We all enjoyed the fellowship and gained a great deal from the inspiration of being with other Guilders and participating in the wonderful program.

Marilyn Hudson, past president of the Elizabeth Langford Unit, Monroe, gave the opening meditation on Saturday, using as her theme "The Faith that Compels Us in Making Choices". We were very proud of her. It makes the older Guilders feel good to see the younger members taking an active part.

Virginia Ward, West Monroe and Irene Nelson, Memorial—

Monroe, attended School of Missions in Shreveport. They came back inspired to do better work and to promote better Studies within the district. I am sure you will hear more from Virginia as to what is expected of you this year. She is our new district chairman of Missionary Education and Service, you know.

The Memorial Guild at Monroe is very proud because they have taken the last three Studies for credit. I hope other units have been doing the same.

Our DISTRICT COACHING CONFERENCE is to be held September 23rd at beautiful CAMP ALABAMA, followed on Sunday the 24th by a District RETREAT. Put these dates on your calendar NOW, so you won't forget them. ALL OFFICERS of each local unit SHOULD COME TO THE COACHING CONFERENCE, but, of course it is not limited to officers, as each Guild member is a potential officer. We do hope to have good attendance and that every one will stay over night, for the RETREAT.

Marilyn Hudson, our new Spiritual Life Chairman, has been busy making plans for a day of inspiration and quiet in this beautiful out-of-doors. You will have more information from both Marilyn and myself concerning schedule, costs, etc. Talk it over with your unit. We want every Guild unit represented.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Louise (Mrs. M. C.) Baldridge, District Secretary

CARROLLTON No. 1—Violet Jackson, Reporter: We have been very busy this summer. We have sent three duffel bags of used clothing to the World Wide Church Movement, Our "Date Books" are printed and distributed for the coming year. We are proud to announce that 11 of our members attended Camp Brewer and had a wonderful time. Two are planning to attend the School of Missions at Shreveport, August 7-11. Also our Guild has 24 subscriptions to the Guild Times. We are off to a good start for the 1961-62 season.

CARROLLTON No. 2—Pat Hilgeman, Reporter: Ours is a new Guild Unit—in existence for only a few months—but we have many plans. Two of our members attended Camp Brewer (Tammy Brooker and Martha Smith) and our Coordinator Grace Reidenouer.

GRETNA—Beverly Biehler, Reporter: Beverly attended Camp Brewer and is making plans to attend the School of Missions.

MUNHOLLAND No. 1—Dorothy Blanchard, Reporter: We had nine members to attend Camp Brewer and have 2 members planning to attend the School of Missions. We have increased our Guild by two. Our Unit and Unit No. 2 Munholland are planning a joint meeting in October. We have been busy making plans to serve about 200 persons at our annual church "Fall Banquet", and have just completed serving the MYF group for this past quarter. We are proud to announce that 3 of our members are serving in our church commissions for this coming year.

MUNHOLLAND No. 2—Jean Walters, Reporter: We have a new project in the church, making us responsible for the "Flower Calendar" for the new year.

RAYNE MEMORIAL—Mona Hays, Reporter: We were represented at Camp Brewer by 3 of our members. At our July supper meeting, four of our young people, Lorayne Curry, Judy Siebert, Jim Pierce and Louis Smith presented a film strip and interesting talks on "Mexico". Folk songs from Mexico were played during our supper. We are at present engaged in organizing a "Prayer Group" to be led by Vergie Snelling, Spiritual Life chairman. At our September meeting we will present to two of our members "Special Memberships". We have also adopted an increased budget for the coming year.

SECOND METHODIST—Mildred Evans, Reporter: We closed a successful year, in which we received two JR Credits; "Into All The World Together", and "Basic Christian Beliefs". A Special Membership was presented to Mrs. C. J. (Marie) Freibert, a member of our unit since its organization. Marie has served us, as an officer and member, in many capacities. She has been a member of Second Church for many years, serving the church in many capacities. She is a member of the Board of Stewards, a teacher in the primary department of the Church School, a counselor for the MYF, and member of the church choir. She is presently our Secretary of Promotion. An honorary Baby Membership was presented to John Darnell Lang, Jr., grandson of the pastor, Rev. Wm. B. Shaw. Second Church was represented at Guild Weekend by Mildred Evans and will be represented at Conference School of Missions by her.

## DISTRICT NEWS

New Orleans District attended Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer with a total of 34. All but one of the district officers attended, and they were delighted with Guild Weekend and found it very informative. We were happy to have with us Mrs. Alice Orr, Conference Literature and Publication Chairman of the W. S. C. S.

Many plans are in progress for the New Orleans District. There  
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## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

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will be workshops for district and local officers in the fall and when necessary. Our first educational seminar (conducted by Guild Members) will be held on September 13th at Parker Memorial Church under the guidance of District Missionary Education Chairman, Beverly Biehler. In October we will conduct our 2nd District Wide Study, "Churches for New Times", on an interdenominational basis at the Greater New Orleans Federation Council of Churches. This study will be under the guidance of Beverly Biehler, District Missionary Education Chairman. Louise Baldrige will lead the study.

The Louisiana Conference School of Missions held at Centenary August 7-11th, 1961, was attended by Mildred Evans, Conference Spiritual Life Chairman, Louise Baldrige, District Secretary; Beverly Biehler, District Missionary Education Chairman; Emma Kuntz, former District Secretary, DeEllo Simon, District Spiritual Life Chairman and Opal Looby.

Comes September, all plans will be under way for our spring meeting to be held in New Orleans, March 16 thru 18, 1962. So if you hear a buzzing sound that will be us.

We are so happy you are coming to New Orleans. You will be hearing from us. Good bye for now. Yours in Christian love.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Adele Nugent, (Mrs. Earl), District Secretary

Ruston District had two members at Guild Weekend, Mt. Sequoyah, eight members at Camp Brewer Weekend and three representatives at the School of Missions in Shreveport. We are now busily planning for our Leadership and Coaching Conference to be held at Camp Alabama October 8, 1961. This will be an all day "affair" and all Guild members are urged to start NOW making plans to be well represented at this meeting. Camp Alabama is a delightful spot for any occasion, and a day spent under the beautiful pines and beside the lake is most rewarding. We are fortunate to secure the use of this camp which is owned by the Presbyterians. It is located just out of Choudrant, on the Downsview-Choudrant road. Those who attended our conference last fall are eager to return to this location. And remember, this will be an important meeting!

The District officers are planning to visit all Guilds in the District as soon as vacations are over. We have already visited three Guilds and felt that our visits were worthwhile.

Some of our goals for 1961-1962 are: more new members, good, informative, inspirational and challenging programs and more studies for Jurisdictional Credit. We realize more each day that "to grow is to study". Last, but not least, more subscriptions to Guild Times. Every officer a subscriber, should be each Guild's goal.

I would like to take this means to express my appreciation for your many cards, letters, calls and prayers during my illness. I'm doing much better, but still need your prayers as we do not have this anemia "licked" yet. Your many acts of thoughtfulness, kindness and interest are gratefully appreciated. Its wonderful to be a Guild member and have so many Guilders "pulling" for you. Thank every one of you from the bottom of my heart—and God bless you.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

HAUGHTON: The main project has been completed—remodeling the pastor's study. Much of the labor was done by Guilders. They purchased a typewriter for the pastor, also. Quilt scraps were collected and sent to the Indians in North Carolina.

BROADMOOR: An interesting and informative meeting was held recently with Mrs. Ruby Cockerham as the guest speaker. She spoke about her recent trips to India (comparing a trip of several years ago with a more recent trip and the part the church plays in the lives of the people).

The study "The Meaning of Suffering" will be taught by the three ministers of Broadmoor. The group is looking forward to this study.

FIRST CHURCH: The W. S. C. S. and Guild will have a joint meeting in September to start off the new year. The studies for the coming year will be presented at the banquet by Mrs. Fletcher.

A dinner meeting was held recently at Sansone's Restaurant and a delightful time was enjoyed by the Guilders attending.

CURTIS PARK: Mrs. James Fuller, newly elected president, reports that Curtis Park is working hard on membership.

WYNN: Wynn is getting ready to take the study "New Churches for New Times", for JR Credit in September.

MANGUM—Unit 1: When the W. S. C. S. have their bazaar in early fall, the Guild will have a booth and each member is working on items for their booth. Bright new curtains will greet the kindergarten children of the Frost Memorial Home when school begins. Curtains were made for the class room during a Guild meeting. At each meeting a special offering is taken and sent to the social worker at the Confederate Hospital. With this money the social worker is able to purchase medicine for needy patients.

A baby membership was presented Melissa Kay Armbrust, grand daughter of Mrs. Orpha Armbrust. Orpha and her husband have recently been transferred to Pennsylvania.

### DISTRICT NEWS

A workshop for officers will be held in Zwolle on August 28th. Officers from Zwolle, Mansfield, Many, Coushatta, and Logansport will participate. Miss Hazel Cooper and her committee will lead the workshop. Zwolle will host the units.

The School of Missions recently conducted at Centenary College attracted a large number of Guild women. The Guild Clinic was both informative and interesting. There were more than 30 Guilders from over the conference in attendance.

## VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

(Vela's first letter to Guild Times reached the editor after July issue went to press. It is so interesting we do not want to omit using it. You may always look forward to one of her letters, written directly to Louisiana Guilders.)

Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital  
Kolar, India—June, 1961

Dear Guilders and Friends,

Although I have greeted you from these pages before, this is really the first time I've written directly to you through the Guild Times.

We have now been back from our wonderful vacation two weeks. They have been weeks packed full of work and correspondence as well as hospital duties. As I have told some of you, when I used to see pictures of people on vacation in houseboats on Dal Lake, or on the Jhelum River in Kashmir, little did I think I would ever be one of those lucky ones. For one month, during May, eight of us spent two weeks on the long narrow houseboat Isla, and two weeks camping in tents in Pahalgam. We could just sit in the living room and the little boats, or shikaras, would come right up to the windows with all sorts of wares. We were always being inveigled into looking at beautiful shawls, or embroidered leather handbags, or walnut wood-carvings or even just candies and fruits. We were on Jhelum River, across the river from the Post Office, and we saw very few of the vegetable or flower shikaras. However, when we would take a shikara ride out to Dal Lake we would see shikara loaded down with all kinds of beautiful flowers. In our group were six Methodist missionaries and two others from the New Tribes Mission. We were three doctors, three nurses, and two business people. Our weather in Srinagar was good the whole two weeks and we thoroughly enjoyed sitting on top of the boat in the sun to watch the boat loads of wood, bricks, sand, etc. float down the river beside us, as local as our shopping tours and visits to paper mache factories, or wood-carving factories, or stone-cutting factories for precious and semi-precious stones, or carpet factories, and picnics and shikara rides. When we went to Pahalgam we lived in tents with only grass mats on the dirt floors. It rained for the first three days we were there and it was extremely cold! However, the sun finally came out and everything was beautiful and warm. Although we made a number of treks by horseback to nearby places we were not able to go up to the glacier area because of muddy slippery trails. Just before we left Kashmir we came back to Srinagar and took a day trip by bus to another glacier area and then walked or went by horseback to an area of three glaciers. We did not go onto the glaciers because they were on the other side of a swift moving stream and the horsemen would not take the horses across. It was a beautiful place and I look forward to sharing some of the beautiful scenery slides with you when I come home.

Here in Kolar, I have still been working in the Maternity Wards and Newborn Nursery. Our new Maternity Block and Nursery is now completed as far as the building is concerned. We still have not been able to get all the equipment and supplies ready which a new building calls for. We do have lovely new cribs for the babies which were shipped out to us from the New York Office through Church World Service. Beginning next week, however, I shall be working in my own area again for a month while our other Pediatrician, Dr. Datta, is on vacation. The main diseases and problems we have with our children are malnutrition, typhoid, diarrhea, and tuberculosis. As I go through the ward from

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## VELA CLEVELAND COLUMN

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time to time it is really pathetic to see some of the poor babies who are skin and bones from malnutrition, or else they are swollen and puffy with weepy skin lesions all over which also comes from malnutrition. I'm sure that, after I spend a month especially on the Pediatric wards, I'll have some interesting story to tell you in my next letter.

I am enclosing two small snaps. I will send another snap of the same baby which will be an up to date one. This is a baby, almost one month old, whose father came and signed her away to the custody of the hospital when she was 18 days old. She is three months old today. By time to write my next letter she will be almost six months and I'll send her picture then, also, with her story which I think will be of interest. Her mother's name was Gangamma so that's what we are calling her at this time. (The other picture is of Gangamma's father.)

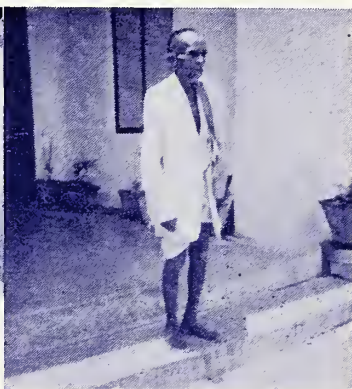
How much I've thought of you during these past two summers when time has come for Guild Weekend! And, here it is almost time for another Weekend. I certainly hope that, for each of you who can go this year it will be a time of relaxation and refreshing of spirit.

I don't know if I've written too much for the space allotted to me or not. I'll soon get into the swing of how much to write, I guess. Anyway, my thanks go to Lillian Gaines for all these past months she has gotten a newsletter out for me, and to the Carrollton Guild for helping in the mailing after Mrs. Critchlow has gotten them mimeographed. Thank you each one. And now, thanks to Elizabeth Langford for planning this column for me to greet each of you as you receive your Guild Times. If you haven't gotten your subscription in I hope you will do so promptly so I won't miss writing to you every quarter.

Blessings on thee everyone,  
Vela



GANGAMMA  
about 1 month old



GANGAMMA'S FATHER

Kolar—August 18th

Some last minute news about Gangamma:

"The girls, midwifery students who are 4th year, take care of the newborn nursery. They call Gangamma "Susi". The general custom here is not to name a baby for some time after birth, sometimes for months. Of course Susi is not exactly in the same category, but we have not really named her yet as she has not been baptised. We are hoping some parents will come who will wish to adopt her and who would appreciate the privilege of having her baptised. She now weighs 9 lbs. 15 ozs. and is growing fast.

"Perhaps a brief review of an interesting case I've just had in the Men's ward would interest you. A man came with a small wound on the hand, but severely infected. The story is that large mass of earth fell on him, knocked out his tooth and injured his hand. The hand was so swollen he could not move it, but I felt there were no broken bones so it was not x-rayed. Today we did an open drainage on his hand and as we did the man's front tooth was removed from his hand. The thought that the man had knocked his own tooth out with his own hand when the earth fell on him had not entered any one's mind. His hand should speedily begin to recover now.

"I'll send Susi's pictures along as soon as they come.

Blessings on thee,  
Vela"

## TWO FILMS AVAILABLE

In planning your programs, consider using the two films shown at Guild Weekend. "A PLUS FOR WORKING WOMEN" is a

30 minute colored film strip with record. It shows the average employed woman and the opportunities for fellowship, service and worship offered her by the Wesleyan Service Guild. Miss Lillian Johnson, our Division Executive Secretary narrates a portion of the script.

"LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS" introduces our Literature Headquarters, how the World Outlook, Methodist Woman, and other literature is edited, published and mailed. It is most informative. Both films are in color with printed script attached. Write your Conference Secretary, Miss Sue Batton, P. O. Box 249, Minden, for the use of either or both films.

## THANK YOU DOROTHY!

A big "thank you" was expressed to all who contributed toward the purchase of the loud speaker for the speaker's platform in the tabernacle. Appreciation was conveyed to Miss Dorothy Dunbar of Opelousas who received the gifts and made the purchase. Dorothy could not be with us for the weekend because she was recuperating from major surgery. We are happy to report that she is now off the sick list and busy with her many activities.

## LILLIAN GAINES MAKES A CHANGE

Louisiana Guilders who have learned to know and love Lillian Gaines, of Carrollton Guild, New Orleans, are learning with regret that she is returning to her home in Tallahassee, Florida in September. We are all hoping that this move is just temporary and that Lillian will return to New Orleans before very long. Lillian was wonderful help in mailing out Vela Cleveland's letter and she has helped greatly to secure many subscriptions to Guild Times from among Vela's admirers as the mimeographed letter has been discontinued.

THIS IS VOLUME IX, NO. 1  
GUILD TIMES

This issue begins our 9th year with our Conference News—GUILD TIMES—and your editor's fifth year on the job. In so many ways you folks have been wonderfully cooperative and GUILD TIMES has made for itself a very important place in the life of Louisiana Guilders. It has bound us closer together as a conference; kept us alert and informed on Conference news and dates; informed us on Guild work from the Division and Jurisdiction levels; carried the district and local news items of interest; and increased our love and appreciation of this great organization that provides a channel through which employed women can achieve spiritual enrichment and Christian fellowship.

All of this we are accomplishing with your cooperation, BUT we are not yet quite self-supporting. I am still asking for 750 paid subscriptions. GUILD TIMES is only \$1.00 per year (4 issues). Renewals and new subscriptions are due NOW. IF you have not sent in your renewal, do so at once.

This September issue is being mailed to every 1960-61 subscriber, in the hope that your dollar is on its way, if it is not already in the editors files.

As this issue goes to press we have received 600 subscriptions. This increase has been realized partly because Lillian Gaines has secured 38 subscriptions from friends and relatives of Vela Cleveland, so that they may continue to hear from Vela through the pages of Guild Times.

Many of you wait for your September meeting to send in your renewals. So I'll be looking for your subscription list in every mail. With your help, MY FIFTH YEAR as your editor CAN BE MY BEST. Thank you, and God bless you now and always.

Elizabeth Langford, Editor

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## Eleventh Annual Spring Meeting to be in New Orleans

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Theme:

"His Mission Unites Us"

The First Methodist Church  
Will Host the Conference

Headquarters at Jung Hotel



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH—NEW ORLEANS

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 17:

- 10:00 A.M. Registration—Lobby, Jung Hotel; Committee Meetings—Jung Hotel
- 1:45 P.M. Afternoon Session opens at First Methodist Church
- 4:45 P.M. Fellowship Tea—Parlors—First Methodist Church
- 6:00 P.M. Dinner—Tulane Room—Jung
- 7:45 P.M. Evening Session—First Methodist Church

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 18:

- 7:00 A.M. Quiet Breakfast—Charcoal Room—Jung Hotel
- 8:30 A.M. Morning Session
- 10:00 A.M. Adjournment
- 10:50 A.M. Morning Worship
- 12:15 P.M. Buffet Luncheon—First Methodist Church

New Orleans, the Crescent City, is noted for its hospitality and charm. From the moment that the invitation was issued at the Lake Charles Spring Meeting, the New Orleans Guilds have been busy with plans, plans, plans. We would not reveal all their secrets if we could. But EVERY GUILD in the Louisiana Conference will surely plan to have delegates attend the 11th Spring Meeting in New Orleans.

The Program Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Cowell, Conference C.S.R. Chairman, and her committee, have anticipated every detail. The

District Secretary, Mrs. Louise Baldridge, capably assisted by Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Spiritual Life Chairman, have made all arrangements for your pleasure and comfort.

Remember—Guilds—Elect one voting delegate for every 20 members, or a major number thereof. Designate which delegates are voting delegates if more than this number register.

Your efficient Conference Secretary, Miss Sue Batton, will preside at all business sessions. We will have with us our President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, who will conduct the installation service.

Two attractive speakers who always inspire any Guild gathering, will be Mrs. Glenn Laskey, member of the Woman's Division, who will bring the message on Saturday evening and Mrs. Dana Dawson, Sr., wife of our retired Bishop Dana Dawson, will bring the meditation on Sunday morning, at the quiet hour.

#### FALL COACHING CONFERENCE AT CAMP BREWER

The scheduled Coaching Conference for the conference and district officers was postponed by one week, due to the hurricane "Carla," but on Sept. 16-17 a goodly number participated in a training program that was different.

Noting the change in weather, Mr. McArthur had equipped one of the cabins with a gas stove and table and chairs for our meeting room and of course the tempting meals were the only breaks in a busy program. Beginning Saturday afternoon and continuing until Sunday afternoon (with about 6 hours of sleep Saturday nite) a training program was presented by the use of skits, "talk-back" flip-charts and open discussion. The subject developed the place that the women have in the total program of the church.

Twenty-three conference and district officers registered for the weekend.



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Progress continues to describe the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the Louisiana Conference. During the past few months we have added two new guilds.

Probably our greatest evidence of progress is the number of study classes for jurisdiction recognition, and the increase in the number of Guild members attending meetings. If you are an officer it is your duty to attend all meetings in person, and not by representation.

As you know, it is report time, and my report is due in New York and Pine Bluff, Arkansas today. Some of you were very prompt in sending in your report, but I did not receive some until about time to get my report in the mail, therefore I had to work Thanksgiving day and burn some mid-night oil, and then late. It is very important that you report all activities in your district, and please fill all spaces. Some of you did not and this works another hardship on the Conference Secretary, also it is very unfair to your guild units if they are doing satisfactory work, and I know they are, and do not get reported, or if the report shows they are not fully organized, when in truth they are. You should also give the membership reported in June, and I suggest that the Chairman of Lines of work should urge local chairmen to meet with the Secretary of Promotion to make out the report so that the report will be correct. Did you do this?

As Guild women and very busy women, I must congratulate you on the very fine work you are doing, and as a result I can see progress in all phases of Guild work, but we must never be satisfied with the record we are making, the life we are living, or the deeds that we are doing. We must keep pressing forward, increase our pledge to Missions and thereby encourage our Missionaries, and let them know we are behind them with our time and money.

**JURISDICTION GUILD TOUR.** Alice Pletz has arranged a tour from the South Central Jurisdiction to the Assembly at Atlantic City in May of 1962.

The tour group will meet in St. Louis Sunday, May 13th, and depart via Penn. Railroad for Atlantic City, arriving Monday, May 14th. Following the Assembly and Guild Weekend the group will leave Sunday, May 20th, for New York City, where tours, United Latin Seminars will be held. The group will leave New York City Thursday, May 24th, for St. Louis. The cost is set at \$199.50, which includes rail fare, hotel, baggage transfers, tips, sightseeing in New York. IT DOES NOT include any meals or your transportation from your home town to St. Louis. This tour will last around two weeks, and if you are interested and can spare the time, write Mrs. Alice Pletz, San Antonio, Texas.

The Assembly Weekend, Atlantic City, N. J. for the Wesleyan Service Guild will be May 18th-20, 1962. Any Guild member can attend this Weekend, by paying her own expenses, and publicity and registration blanks will be placed in the hands of each Guild Unit in Louisiana Conference, around the first of January.

At our Officers Training at Camp Brewer, I asked each district to form "teams" for the purpose of visiting other Guild units in the district, and make a survey and report at our January meetings. Some wonderful results have been reported and they feel that the units will be strengthened by these visits.

We had a wonderful Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, and Miss Lillian A. Johnson, Executive Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild



MISS SUE BATTON  
CONFERENCE SECRETARY

## MRS. MARTHA OVERBEY NOW FULL TIME RURAL WORKER

After a life-time of successful teaching, another one of our fine Guild women has enlisted in full-time Christian Service as a Rural Worker. Martha was teaching in Baton Rouge District—living at Hammond—when she reached retirement. Desiring to enter Christian Service she applied to the Board of Missions and after being accepted was assigned to the Alexandria District, with residence at Simmesport. The Committee with whom she works consists of Mrs. J. H. McSween, Reverend Fred Flurry, District Superintendent and Bro. Zeranger, Minister of the Simmesport-Evergreen Charge.



MRS. MARTHA OVERBEY

Martha has been quite busy, working with the Woman's Society, teaching an adult Bible Class, helping with the children's Christmas program, teaching the Study on "Churches for New Times" at both Evergreen and Simmesport and, between times, she has visited in every home of the church members in each community of the charge. She is to attend a short course at Scarritt College for Christian Workers in January and February.

You Guilders will hear Martha at our Spring Conference in New Orleans, as she has a very important part on our program.

GUILD TIMES welcomes the opportunity to tell Martha how proud we are of her dedicated Christian life. Her happy, friendly way of meeting folks will bring blessings into the lives of those she serves in the name of her Master. We pray that others may accept the challenge of full-time Christian Service.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

I trust that all of you, not only observed the Week of Prayer, but that you were most generous in your giving—that it was a time of Self-Denial.

The Prayer Calendar for 1962 will be available December 1. I hope all of you who are now using the Prayer Calendar will continue the use of this wonderful book, and that those of you, not now using it, will make the use of it, during 1962, among your New Year's resolutions. You will find it a source of information and inspiration.

I hope all of you will participate in plans for Guild Month and the observance of the World Day of Prayer.

Some of you have been asking about a Spiritual Life Retreat. None has been planned for January. If it is possible to secure a suitable place and a leader, it might be possible to have one later in the year. Suggestions will be most welcome.

We are looking forward to greeting you in New Orleans, March 17-18, 1962.

And now, I wish all of you a Merry Christmas in the words of James Dillet Freeman:

"I wish you Merry Christmas,  
I say it like a prayer—  
When you wake Christmas morning  
May all you wish be there!  
Oh, may the Spirit of the Christ  
Into your heart descend!  
I wish you Merry Christmas,  
It means, I love you, friend."

Love,  
Mildred

inspired us as she spoke on "Lord, Give Us Such a Faith as This," with great emphasis on the role that the Wesleyan Service Guild should play in these trying times. Yes they are trying times, but we must grow stronger and reach up to higher goals.

Before you receive this letter, you will have celebrated Christmas, but I do want to wish you abundant joy and peace at this season and throughout the year to come.

Sue Batton,  
Conference Guild Secretary



## SUPPLY WORK

Ruth Guthrie, (Mrs. T. D.), Conference Chairman

CHRISTMAS! What a glorious season; the time of praise and rejoicing; the time of giving and receiving.

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." (John 3:16)

How small and insignificant our gifts seem beside God's gift of the Babe of Bethlehem. Ever since His birth, Christmas has meant a time of praise to God and adoration of Christ. Christmas means giving to others in the Spirit in which God gave His Son to us. The joy that comes through giving to others at Christmas, no matter how small the gifts, is one of the greatest joys of the whole year.

There is much need in the world today. Some persons need food, clothing, some need love and friendship, the knowing that someone really cares.

What better way could we begin the HOLY CELEBRATION than to give of our many blessings through our SUPPLY WORK. An extra gift of cash for supplies, Christmas cards and letters to our Missionaries and Christian workers, letting them know that we really care. Praying for them daily and for the growth of their work and God's Kingdom. Another way is to increase our knowledge of the great work that is being done in our mission fields; read the two "DO YOU KNOW" booklets and the METHODIST WOMAN. The October and November issues of the Methodist Woman carries interesting information about the work and founding of Scarritt College, also news from Africa and Latin America.

The regular program for December offered us a splendid opportunity to increase our knowledge and interest of many locations. This would have been an opportune time to present cards and information from the locations of our SUPPLY WORK. I suggest that this be done in an earlier communication. I will be anxiously awaiting to hear that you followed my suggestion.

Reports for the second quarter are beginning to come in and they show a great improvement in our cash giving to Supply work. I will try to give you a more detailed report in our next issue of Guild Times.

GIVING—the purpose of SUPPLY WORK, over and above our regular pledge; Christmas is synonymous with giving and we are reminded again that "CHRIST IS THE GIFT OF GOD" to the world. The Wise Men came bearing gifts to the Babe. May we as Christians do the same.

To each one of you, I extend Christmas greetings, wishing for you and yours a very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thinking of our hands fulfilling our pledge of prayer, service, and gifts, may we make a complete dedication of our total selves, using this prayer: "Bless Thou the gifts our hands have brought; Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned; Ours is the faith, the will the thought; The rest O God is in Thy hand." Amen. (METH. HYMNAL no 609).

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Ruth B. Cowell, (Mrs. E. T.), Conference Chairman

Christmas is the time of year we think more of love and kindness than at any other time. So, isn't this the time of year to do something about it?

"I'm sure many Guilds are planning great work for Christmas and I'd like to hear about it. I'd like to tell you of one outgrowth of study. After studying "Under Orders" recently, the combined Guilds of First Methodist and Trinity in Alexandria and First Methodist in Pineville voted to write letters to The President, Vice-President and other important people in our government about how they felt toward exploding the nuclear bomb above the earth.

In addition, the three Guilds plan on giving a cash donation to the New St. Paul Methodist Church just getting started in Alexandria. \$30.00 has been raised already, and before December 3rd when the gift is delivered, we hope for \$100.00. Also, one of Trinity's members has a beautiful large Bible which she is going to give in memory of her husband. The District Superintendent and the pastor of St. Paul's are very pleased.

Let us hear what other Guilds are doing in Christian Social Relation. What are you studying? How are you applying it?

Let us keep in mind that after Christmas there will be only about two months and a half to finish our three quarters of the year's work and get our reports ready for Spring Meeting in New Orleans. I trust I'll be in contact with all of you way before that.

Let me hear if your Guild or your District has some outstanding project of accomplishment. Have you had any Brunches, or Seminars? New Orleans had a Seminar that sounded fine. Did you do something special for United Nations Week and Day? Keep working, as I know you are!

May the good Lord bless and keep you, and make this season the most wondrous of the year.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick

Conference President

Woman's Society of

Christian Service



## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Agnes Miller, (Mrs. Austin), Conference Chairman

After a long summer vacation the Guilds are studying again. Scarcely a day goes by without some report of a JR study coming in the mails. Up to the end of October fifteen studies had been given Recognition. (This is four less than at this time last year.) Lake Charles and Ruston districts lead with four each; Shreveport has three; Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and New Orleans each have one. The two most popular studies have been the MEANING OF SUFFERING and CHURCHES FOR NEW TIMES, which have been studied by five Guilds each. Two studies have been made of the Christian Mission in Latin America. There have also been two on BASIC CHRISTIAN BELIEFS and one on HERITAGE AND HORIZONS IN HOME MISSIONS, taken from the study course for last year.

The urgent call for women to go overseas in missionary service continues to come to us. Information has been mailed to each of the District Chairmen of Missionary Education on specific calls in the mission field. There is great need for teachers, both in the classroom and in administration. College teachers are needed. Social workers, medical missionaries, secretaries are called for urgently in Asia, Africa, and South America.

The opening words of this challenge to service are: "The critical situation in the world today presents an ever growing challenge to the Christian church. To meet it the church needs dedicated, highly trained personnel to witness to the vital, creative force of God's reconciling love as revealed in Jesus Christ. God is at work in the revolutionary forces shaking the foundations of the world. He calls his people to participate in his redemptive work.

After listing many openings for work of many kinds, the call closes with the words: "If your specialty is not listed, please write anyway, telling of your interest, specialization, experience professionally, and your life and work within your Church. Possibly you, too, can serve and witness to Christ on one of the strategic frontiers of service and need."

## WHAT ABOUT GUILD TIMES?

This issue of GUILD TIMES reaches you at the blessed Christmas Season. Your Guild will be observing the Birth of our Saviour in a wonderful way. Then you will turn the leaf of the New Year and step into 1962 with a busy program and many activities ahead. Be sure that GUILD MONTH is well observed. Plan big things for your Guild in 1962. Keep the objectives of 1960-64 before your members . . . and keep GUILD TIMES in the forefront. With your help we can still reach our goal of 750 subscriptions this Guild year. But at this writing I only have 690—not enough, is it? District Secretaries, contact your Guilds that are not subscribing. We'd like to report 100% Guilds—and we can with your help.

And thanks to you Guilds who have been so wonderful. I'll see you at the Spring Meeting in New Orleans and we'll talk some more about "GUILD TIMES."

Your editor,  
Elizabeth Langford

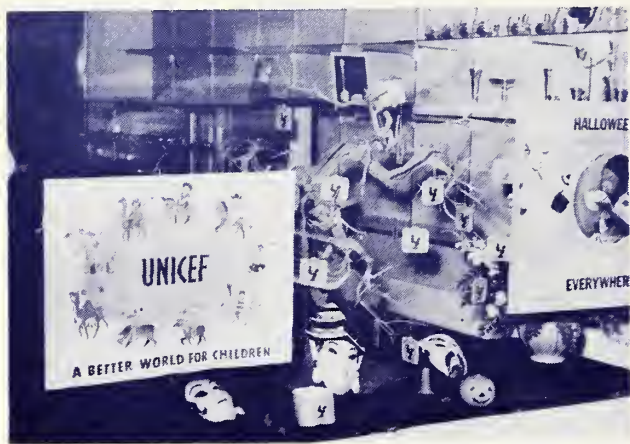


## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

### Miss Marie Pace, District Secretary

**BUNKIE**—The Bunkie Guild held a School of Instruction for the new officers and chairmen in September. This was unique in the fact that members dressed as small school children, came with a prepared "written lesson" on their duties taken from the Handbook. The President, Mrs. James Richardson, dressed as an old-fashioned school-mistress, complete with ruler and bell. Lunch in paper bags afforded much amusement. At this meeting a special Life Membership was awarded to Mrs. John Lyles.

We have completed "The Meaning of Suffering" and have started on "Latin America." As an outcome from the first study, our Guild presented the oil painting "Christ at Heart's Door" which was used at Camp Brewer weekend in a devotion, to an adult Sunday School Class for its meeting room. This picture was painted by one of our Guild members. Another outcome was that a census be made of elderly people in our community who are shut-ins and have a regular visiting committee to keep in touch with them.



UNICEF

The UNICEF WINDOW was prepared by our Christian Social Relations Chairman, Rowena Lee. This was a prominent display in a local show window and brought forth a good response when the UNICEF collection was made by the MYF group.

District Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. Janice Richardson; Missionary Education, Bee Sandefur; and Christian Social Relations Chairman, Joyce Rogers, were honor guests at the meeting of the Trinity Guild in Alexandria at the home of the District Supply Chairman, Miss Bessie Rollo. Mrs. Ruth Fullington is President of the TRINITY Guild. Good reports were heard from each chairman.

Bunkie Guild, Reporting

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

### Emma P. Mainous, (Mrs. C. G.), District Secretary

The fall District meeting, held on September 17, 1961 at North Baton Rouge Church was a very interesting meeting and well attended.

Brief reports were given by the members who had attended Conference and Jurisdiction meetings. Miss Gail Howard, President of the North Baton Rouge Unit, showed slides of the many interesting items at Sequoyah where she served as assistant to the editor of Mountain Minutes.

Mrs. Audrey Keith, District Chairman of Missionary Education presided over that portion of the meeting when the studies were presented. All four of the studies were presented in such an interesting way that I am sure it was hard to make a choice of one to study.

The highlight of the meeting was the talk given by the guest speaker, Mrs. Mary Evelyn Parker, Director of the Department of Public Welfare, using as her subject, "Welfare in Changing Times." Mrs. Parker brought much information to the group about the things and the way our state is handling the problems of to-day. These are the same problems that we heard so much about at school of Missions.

The 83 members attending the meeting enjoyed a fellowship hour following the meeting.

October in the District was that very special time when we hold our Day Apart.

Camp Chemekete was chosen as the place and our very cap-

able District Chairman of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Vesta Rownd and her committee planned a day of Spiritual enrichment that will live with all who attended.

Miss Rae Streeck was the leader and she made many passages of Scripture take on new meaning for the group.

Special guests for the Day Apart were Miss Maree White and Miss Marilyn Carter of Lafayette District. Was a joy to have them, come again girls.

November the 12th., was another very special day as 30 Guild members boarded a chartered bus to visit 3 of the missions in South Louisiana.

The first stop was MacDonell at Houma where Mr. Howe gave a most interesting talk on the work there. Then on to Dulac and a look at the new building that has gone up since the last visit in 1957. The group felt real pride in this, feeling they had a part in making it come to pass.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service served a delicious lunch to the group and Mr. and Mrs. Brunson were the usual charming hosts. Supply and Week of Prayer and Self-Denial Giving had special meaning for all, after listening to the Brunsons and seeing first hand the things that are being done there.

The last stop was Methodist Home Hospital and I do not need to say, for I am sure you know, had Rev. Haughton turned his back for a little while, babies would have been missing. All hearts were warmed by the work of this home.

On across the causeway, the beautiful lake in late afternoon, a stop for a picnic supper, much singing and wonderful fellowship, we closed the book on another Guild experience we will long remember.

I must tell you, before closing, that something new has been added in Baton Rouge District. North Baton Rouge Unit had men at the last study they had. These men were very enthusiastic about their experience in the study. Why not try it.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

### Maree White, District Secretary

The highlight of our district work since the last issue of GUILD TIMES was our fall meeting in New Iberia on October 22. We were entertained in Fellowship Hall in their beautiful new educational building—entertained with friendliness and hospitality in keeping with the attractiveness of the setting.

Miss Olive Hartwell from Rayne gave the opening meditation. There followed a coaching session with instruction in the lines of work and other important phases of Guild work:

"Spiritual Life," presented by Maree White, substituting for Mrs. Jewell Carver, who was ill.

"Missionary Education," Miss Helen Sullivan.

"Christian Social Relations," Mrs. Joyce Prejean.

"Supply Work," Mrs. Thelma Thomas.

"Membership and Fellowship," Miss Dorothy Dunbar.

"Finance," Mrs. Bessie Fairley.

The New Iberia Guild then presented a skit "His Mission Unites Us" showing the interrelationship of women's work and the work of the church.

All units in the district were represented at the meeting. We were delighted to have Mrs. Eloi Girard, the district President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, make her "debut" back into the work after her recent illness. Mrs. Shirley Ellender, the district treasurer, was also with us, as were the New Iberia co-ordinator, Mrs. Jack Cook, and their WSCS President, Mrs. David Phillips.

During the business session the group voted to add the office of District Chairman of Supply work, the office to be filled at the spring meeting when the regular district election will take place.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

### Grace M. Lawson, District Secretary

The motion picture, MORE THAN WORDS, and a skit written by Mrs. Vivian Smith of Jennings, were the highlights of both sub-district Coaching Conferences. The picture stressed the importance of "Communication," and the skit portrayed the opportunities for service which the church offers to women of all ages and in all walks of life.

The first Coaching Conference was held in GUEYDAN on October 29, with Mrs. Harris Johnston and her group serving as hostesses. The second session was held at the DeQUINCY church with Mrs. Harold Brown and the DeQuincy Guild entertaining. Mrs. Rosa McCullough gave the opening devotional at each meeting. Grace Lawson, Rosa McCullough, Laura Lynch and Vivian Smith

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## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

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presented officers' training material. Each meeting closed with a flip chart on The Principles of Leadership, followed by a social hour.

The LAKE ARTHUR GUILD has adopted the local M. Y. F. as its special project for this year. The Christmas MYF Banquet during December was a highlight of the pre-Christmas season. Mrs. Maurine Perkins who served as president of the Lake Arthur Guild was recently presented with a life membership.

The JULIA REID UNIT at First Church in Lake Charles has recently completed a study, Churches for New Times. They are stressing recruitment as an outgrowth of this study.

The WELSH GUILD presented the church library with a Film strip, THE HOOK, as an outgrowth of their recent study, Heritage and Horizons.

The SIMPSON GUILD is continuing its letter writing in behalf of the United Nations.

A Religious Book Club is functioning nicely in the JENNINGS GUILD.

The two Units at DeRIDDER joined to observe the Week of Prayer on October 30, other groups joined with the W.S.C.S. to observe it, or held special evening sessions.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Zella Cotton (Mrs. W. A.), District Secretary

The Monroe District Coaching Conference was held at Camp Alabama Saturday, September 23rd, followed by a Retreat on Sunday, the 24th. Thirty Guilders registered, representing 9 Guild units—Bastrop, Lake Providence, Mer Rouge, Unit 1 and the Elizabeth Langford Unit of First Church, Monroe, Memorial and Southside of Monroe, West Monroe and Tallulah. The District Chairmen of Spiritual Life, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, and Supply Work did the instructing in their respective fields. Even though the attendance was not what we had expected, everyone agreed it was a very fruitful conference.

Marilyn Hudson, District Chairman of Spiritual Life, deserves special praise for the Retreat she planned and brought to us on Sunday. Mrs. Margaret Newman of Lake Providence was our guest speaker bringing the address of inspiration. Marianna Johnson, Unit I—First Church, gave a beautiful devotional at supper. The Tallulah Guild conducted the inspiring Vesper Service on Saturday evening and Marie Phillips of Mer Rouge steered us in the right direction Sunday morning with a wonderful service at Sunrise. We will long remember the devotional brought us by Violet Kulcke at the noon meal on Sunday. Violet is president of that young group, the Elizabeth Langford Unit of First Church, Monroe. All in all, it was an informative and inspiring weekend.

Let us not forget that January is Guild Month. Make your plans now, if you have not done so, for a great month in Guild work. It is not too soon to be thinking of Conference in New Orleans. I am hoping that every Guild in Monroe District will send a delegate to the Spring Conference.

UNIT I and the ELIZABETH LANGFORD UNIT reported an interesting study for JR Credit. Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy was the teacher "The Christian and Responsible Citizenship."

The BASTROP GUILD has created a permanent fund to help a "worthy student" in his or her college education. The student is chosen by a screening committee of school teachers. The money is contributed to the fund as love offerings. \$75 was given at the beginning of school this fall. We wish you every success in this good work.

As an outgrowth of the study "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions," members of MEMORIAL GUILD, Monroe, are now serving as welcome hostesses at the church on Sunday mornings, greeting people as they enter the church.

The Guild at OAK GROVE has placed the Upper Room in each room at the local clinic. Perhaps more of us could follow their example by placing our church literature in public places.

Ruth Read, of the TALLULAH Guild reported the following:

"Week of Prayer was observed with a well planned program.

"Guild members contributed money, food and service at the church booth at the Louisiana Delta Fair. The booth, sponsored by the women of the Methodist church made a profit of over \$700.

"The Guild sponsored Trick or Treat for UNICEF on Halloween with children of the Primary and Junior departments of the Sunday School participating.

"A rummage sale held on Saturday, Nov. 11 added \$48.00 to the treasury."

## MEET THE NEWEST GUILD IN MONROE DISTRICT

We reported to you the reactivation of the Guild formerly at the Sterlington Church. Last year the Methodists of Sterlington and



ST. ANDREW'S GUILD—MONROE DISTRICT

Fairbanks and adjacent communities merged to build a new, centrally located, church. They are now in their new church and we welcome to the Monroe District this active group of Guild women numbering 11 members. The officers are: President, Mrs. H. W. Hennen; Vice President, Mrs. C. G. Drennan; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. J. DeBray; Treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Johnson; Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. G. L. Sinclair. The Chairman are: Spiritual Life, Mrs. Harry Sloan; Missionary Education, Mrs. John King; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Florence Clarke; Supply, Mrs. R. E. Britt; Literature and Publications, Mrs. O. G. Crosby. (This new Guild sent in 7 Guild Times subscriptions!)

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Louise (Mrs. M. C.) Baldrige, District Secretary

CARROLLTON, UNIT No. 1—Vi Jackson, Reporter: We recently completed the interesting and meaningful study on "Churches for New Times" with nine from our Guild in attendance. We also held our own Week-of-Prayer Service with 16 members present and an offering of almost \$70. We had good representation at the Sacrificial Supper held at Munholland Church.

CARROLLTON, UNIT No. 2—Pat Hilgeman, Reporter: October 13th our Guild held a "Pot Luck" Supper for getting acquainted with new members. We welcomed 3 new members: Martha Black, Frances Hinson and Barbara Young. Our new Missionary Education Secretary is Miss Charlotte Badin. On October 29th we sponsored a Youth Supper for approximately 23 young people.

FIRST METHODIST—Edith Sigbormsen, Reporter: Our September meeting was an eventful one. We awarded 6 Honorary Memberships to: Winie Bowie, Bernice Sacco, Olive Barrett, Hazel Lowes, Agnes Lawien and Etta O'Brier. We also awarded 3 Baby Certificates. November 10th we held a dinner and sale, with 1/2 the proceeds going to the Church and the other half to religious education. We now have a new Guild Project: Every 2nd Sunday we are to supply the flowers for the altar.

MUNHOLLAND No. 1—Mrs. June Smith, Reporter: In September, 4 of our members attended the Seminar at Parker Memorial Church for further study. We served a dinner for 150 people of the Friendship Class. At our September meeting our minister's wife, Mrs. Flo Townsend, related some of their experiences while on their world tour. In October we met with our new Unit. We are proud of this younger group and the progress they are showing. On October 29th we served supper to the MYF.

We miss our member, Miss Opal Looby, who will be away for 4 months in connection with her job. Our Guild hosted the Sacrificial Meal for the district and our members worked very hard for its success.

MUNHOLLAND No. 2—Jean Mattox, Reporter: We are proud of our new and hard working Guild. Five members attended the Sacrificial Meal held in our Church, October 30th.

PARKER MEMORIAL—Dolly Christoffel, Reporter: Our Guild took an active part in the Study "Churches for New Times" by

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having 6 in attendance. We have started a Prayer Group, which will be held each Monday. We feel that it will be very meaningful to us. We have 3 new members, bringing our total to 14.

**REDEEMER**—Mary Taylor, Reporter: We were honored at our October meeting by having present 3 district officers and one conference officer giving us our program. They were Mrs. Louise Baldrige, De Ello Simon, and Elizabeth Beard representing the district and Mildred Evans, Conference Spiritual Life Chairman. Throughout November our church is taking the church-wide study "Latin American Lands in Focus." Our leaders are Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Rev. J. J. Caraway, Rev. A. W. Lawson and Bishop Aubrey G. Walton. Bishop Walton will also show slides on his recent tour of Latin America.

**ST. MATTHEWS**—Mrs. R. "Ship" Brown, Reporter: At present our Guild is making plans for Christmas, which includes the Methodist Home and the Poydrus Protestant Home. We were represented at the district study in October.

**SECOND METHODIST**—Mildred Evans, Reporter: We had 2 in attendance at the district study "Churches for New Times." Our Christmas Program and Party will be at the home of Katherine Wallace on December 8th. The Guild is prayerfully hoping for the speedy recovery of one of our Guild members, Mrs. Haas, who has been ill.

**RAYNE MEMORIAL**—Mona S. Hayes, Reporter: 5 of our members attended the study "Churches for New Times." At our September meeting Mrs. Carl Gallaher, W.S.C.S., spoke to us on "The Spirit Is Lord." At our October meeting Mrs. Dan Dunbar of the W.S.C.S. showed her slides of Missions in Southeast Asia. We are now making plans for our annual Christmas party. Also, we are most happy to be the host church for the District meeting and Tea to be held in "Guild Month—January."

The New Orleans District had a full schedule this fall. September 18th our District Seminar was held at Parker Memorial in conjunction with the W.S.C.S. The studies for the current year were presented.

The reports from the Guilds of the district show how well attended the study on "Churches for New Times" was. Approximately 50 women met at the Interdenominational Church House throughout October and took an active interest in the study.

October 30th a District Sacrificial Supper was held at Munnolland Memorial Church. Our Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life, Miss Mildred Evans, was leader of this lovely service.

September 24th a District Coaching Conference was conducted at Gentilly Church. All Lines of Work were presented and discussed. Announcement has been made that the Retreat planned for November has been postponed until Spring.

In January "Guild Month," a Tea will be given at Rayne Memorial for Guilds of the District.

The entire District is busy with plans for entertaining the Spring Conference in March. Committees have been set up and are at work.

All of us in the New Orleans District would like to extend to each of you our very best wishes for a Prayerful and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year . . . and we'll see you in March at the Spring Conference.

Congratulations to MacDonell for their recent publication—their annual report titled "MACDONELL SITS FOR A PORTRAIT." Your Guild should be on their mailing list for "Over the Coffee Cup," so you can keep up with the interesting activities of our own mission school, at Houma, Louisiana.



MRS. LOUISE BALDRIDGE, Chairman  
SPRING CONFERENCE  
ARRANGEMENTS

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Adele Nugent (Mrs. Earl), District Secretary

Thirty-seven members, representing 9 of the 11 Guilds of Ruston District gathered at Camp Alabama October 15th for the Annual Coaching Conference. The opening devotional was given by Miss Polly Cassel, District Spiritual Life Chairman. All Lines of Work were presented by the district officers. Miss Ruby Craton, Missionary Education, Mrs. Norma Daye, Supply, Mrs. Thomas Guthrie, Jr., Christian Social Relations, Miss Polly Cassel, Spiritual Life—and Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary presented Program Building. This was followed by a Question and Answer period.

After a delicious turkey dinner and all the trimmings, the group gathered around the open fire place for the afternoon session. Among the highlights was a "depth" Bible Study directed by Miss Ruby Craton. Mrs. George Grafton, District W.S.C.S. Treasurer and Mrs. Cecil Read, District W.S.C.S. Promotion Secretary spoke to the group. We dismissed at 3:00, but did not head for home until we toured the beautiful camp grounds, lingering by the lake and under the sheltering pines.

Reports show that the Week of Prayer and Self Denial was well observed by almost all Guilds of the district and plans are being made to observe Guild Month in January. Several Guilds reported studies in progress and work for JR credits.

As we enter into the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, we pause and count our blessings for they are many. We should be most thankful for the privilege of serving. If we have Christ in our hearts, we will KEEP Christ in our Christmases.

## ARCADIA GUILD

NELL HIGHTOWER, Reporter

The ARCADIA Wesleyan Service Guild enjoyed a membership dinner at 7:00 P.M. Sept. 11th at the church. Seventeen members and three visitors were in attendance. Elizabeth Peyton offered grace before the bountiful meal was eaten.

After the fellow-ship hour a business session was held with president Doris Yarbrough in the chair. Announcement was made of the study "Land of Eldorado," by Sante Uberto Barbieri to be taught by Inez Madden and to begin at the next meeting. Assignment for this lesson is that each member be prepared to give a current event on Latin America.

After the business session Novis Galloway, chairman of Spiritual Life, brought a most inspiring devotional to the Guild, "A Rx. For Spiritual Development."

The new year-books, made by Merry Dean Patterson, were distributed. They have been dedicated to our recently deceased member, Annie Lesba Jordon. It is a blessing to recall her membership. The Guild has been enriched immeasurably by all the experiences with this beloved member.

We were most happy to welcome Jackie James, Catherine Weaver and Lois McGuire, as new members. Appreciated guests were Elizabeth Peyton, Opel Tomlinson and Lila Harris.

The meeting was adjourned after the Guild benediction was repeated in unison.

Our Arcadia Guild has put on a fall membership drive. Contacting every woman eligible to be a member. We have had some to join and good prospects of others coming in later.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

**MORNINGSIDE**—The Unit at Morningside participated in World Community Day by filling duffle bags for Latin-American school children.

Joint participation of the Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service was reported for the Week of Prayer. The Guild created the worship setting which was used for the service. The sanctuary was open throughout the day for worship with both Guild members and Woman's Society members present throughout the day.

**NOEL**—Elsie Ellis, Missionary Education Chairman of Noel reported a very successful study on a church-wide basis of "The Meaning of Suffering." Plans are being made to begin the study on Latin-America in January.

It has become the custom of the Noel Unit to begin the Week of Prayer with a Quiet breakfast at the church. The service was conducted by Arline Tyler and closed with a meaningful Communion Service administered by Dr. B. C. Taylor.

**MANY**—The newest Unit at Many had the greatest increase

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in membership this report time. Seven new Guilders, bringing the total membership of the Unit to 24.

**SUMMER GROVE**—This year the Woman's Society of Christian Service included the Guild membership and officers in their Year Book. Copies of the Year book were sent to each Guilder. It is a means of keeping the Guild informed about activities of the Society and enabling them to participate at times.

In January the Woman's Society and the Guild will hold a joint dinner meeting. The speaker of the evening will be Mrs. Nema Henry, biology instructor at Fairpark High School. The subject for the talk is Alcohol Education.

**WYNN**—The Guild, the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Methodist Men's Club of Wynn are joining their efforts at a dinner meeting in January to promote the church-wide program on tithing. Reverend Woodrow Hearn will be the speaker.

The District Guild met in mid-October at Business Girls' Inn. The committee accepted with regret the resignation of Inez Wansley of Mansfield as District Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

The District Committee on Nominations chaired by Elizabeth Lowrey is at work on a slate of officers to be presented to the District at the Spring Meeting. If you have names to suggest send them to Elizabeth.

The date for the Annual District Fellowship Dinner is January 19th. The Mangum Units will host the dinner in the new religious education building at Mangum Memorial Church. Plans are incomplete at this time, but we promise you an evening of delightful fellowship and a good program. Keep the date in mind, Friday, January 19th.

Your District Secretary was a delegate to the National Conference of the Churches and Social Welfare held in Cleveland October 23 to 27th. It was a wonderful opportunity to see social work in action and to share ideas with other workers across the Protestant Church.

Congratulations to the Promotion Secretaries. The reports were fine. However, I know from the number of committees reported working that many activities were unreported. Keep a record of each month so that we may have a really full report in the spring.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES** take note. Our gain in membership was balanced by loss. Let us see if we can keep the gain next report.

Eight studies, two with church-wide participation were reported. Six have received their JR credits. Eighty-eight persons were involved in these studies. The credits went to Zwolle for Basic Christian Beliefs; Broadmoor, Mangum (Alma Levins), and Noel, for the "Meaning of Suffering," Mangum (Unit I), the Land of Eldorado; Wynn, Edge of the Edge.

**MANGUM—UNIT No. 1**—A bazaar was held at the new educational building recently. Nearly \$150 was made and the money will be spent in the following manner: curtains for the educational building, membership in the \$1000 Club, a Life Membership, Christmas presents for 315 Indian Children in Arizona, and for literacy work in Brazil. Our Guild has received JR Credit for the Study on Latin America.

**HAUGHTON**—The Guild, in cooperation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, has been working toward another bazaar, to be had December 8th and 9th. The profit will go toward new furnishings for the parsonage. The success of last year's bazaar made it possible to redecorate the pastor's study and purchase a new typewriter.

## MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

By Dorothy Dunbar

(A talk given at the 1961 Fall Coaching Conference of the Lafayette District, held in New Iberia, Louisiana, October 22.)

I have been asked to speak on membership and fellowship. In going through my files, I found four talks of varying lengths which I have presented on membership at Guild meetings at different times in the last few years. I do not intend to use any of these talks today. In fact, I hope you will not mind my using my field of work, which is selling, as a parallel to winning members to Wesleyan Service Guild.

Almost fifteen years ago I ventured into and organized a business of my own after having worked on the business end of our daily newspaper in Opelousas. Yes, it was quite an adventure! I had a small office building remodeled into a store, I bought products from wholesalers and displayed them. Then I was ready to open, so I advertised by newspaper, radio, and direct mail that I

was opening a camera shop and book store. I was quite enthusiastic, I thought I needed only to advertise and customers would flock to the store.

Somehow, though, I knew that enthusiasm would wear off, and something more would be needed. Sure, I had been an amateur photographer since my school days and had occasionally taken pictures for the newspaper. I had read books on How to Get Started in Picture Taking. But I needed to know more about selling. So I read instruction books on the individual pieces of equipment. I subscribed to trade magazines, and I joined national organizations of photo dealers and booksellers. I attended sales meetings where merchandise was displayed. I joined the local merchants' group.

Now you are wondering what this has to do with the Guild. I believe most of us belong to churches where either the church building or the educational building is new. We need these new buildings, but opening these doors on Guild night with previous announcements in the church bulletin, the newspaper, and other media will not win everyone. When people come, we must have something interesting to offer, or they will shop around for another group that has something more interesting.

Paul wrote to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved . . ." (II Timothy 2:15)

Surely we have the tools to study to gain knowledge of our product—the Wesleyan Service Guild. We have our trade magazine, the **METHODIST WOMAN**. Our getting-started manual is our Guild handbook; our instruction booklet: the handbook for the various offices and committees. Our **GUILD TIMES** helps us to keep in touch with other groups.

We have our sales meetings when we attend district meetings, and surely we have merchandise on display and demonstrated when we attend Guild Weekend and our big sales meetings, the Spring Conference. Let's remember when we go out to talk to someone about joining our Guild that we must have a knowledge of our organization. Also remember that we are representing not only our organization but also our employer, The Methodist Church.

In my field of work I frequently teach photography to young people or give talks before civic groups. Then again I may have in-store demonstrations with a book-autographing party or with factory representatives showing their products.

The Wesleyan Guild can have such demonstrations, by having something extra-special during Guild month. Invite prospective members and show the film "A Plus for Working Women." Have a tea or some get-together honoring employed women of your church, particularly those who recently became church members. Some women do not know what the Guild is. Why not ask them to come with you to a meeting of **A SPECIAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH FOR WORKING WOMEN**. When you do get them to attend, you must keep them by good, well-rounded programs, fellowship, and hospitality; make them feel at home—meet in a place where the surroundings are attractive. Make an effort to know and do something about important dates and anniversaries in the lives of individual persons.

We can build a fine business or a successful organization, but let us not stop there. After I sell a camera, I must keep the customer interested in picture taking so that I can sell film and film processing.

I was sailing along in business when competition and then recession came along.

We have competition in the Guild. Look at the organizations that are competing for the member's time. However, we must remember that we have more to offer than most clubs have—the Plus—the Spiritual. We have recessions in the Guild—indifference and lack of attendance. Using merely the church bulletin and a few cards will not create better attendance or increased membership.

As the years have gone by I have found in these days of competition that I must seek out prospects. Earlier this year I had a terrific amount of equipment left over from the Christmas season. I advertised and advertised until I was spending more on advertising than I was taking in. Nothing would move that equipment from my shelves.

Again I quote from Paul's letter to Timothy, on an occasion when Timothy lost enthusiasm. Paul said, "Stir up the gift of God which is in you by the laying on of my hands, for God gave us not the spirit of fear, but of power, of love, and of discipline."

The expression "stir up" which Paul used means to rekindle, as in the case of a smoldering fire. Sometimes what we need to stir up our dying embers of enthusiasm is to be poked as a fire is poked. Sometimes we can be stirred from a low mood by the sharp command, "Shake yourself out of it!"

Did I need shaking out of the low mood I was in—nothing did any good to move that merchandise. Well, one beautiful Sunday I walked out in the woods with my family. That walk must have

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done a lot of good to shake me out of the mood I was in, because on Monday morning I went to work with much more enthusiasm. I started seeking out prospects and remembered one particular couple from out of town who had been in about a month before and who were interested in a particular camera. I remembered the lady particularly because she had a WSCS pin on, and I commented on it to her surprise. We had chatted a while and I had shown them the camera, but they had some objections and said they would be back another time.

The lady had told me their name, but I didn't know how to spell it. On that Monday morning I took the out-of-town telephone directory and started looking under the initial letter until I found the name. I made a long-distance call, and that afternoon the couple came into the shop. I sold more than just the camera: they got good equipment which would bring years of pleasure from taking and showing movies.

By the end of that week I had sought out people and called enough of them to move every piece of that merchandise.

In Luke 14:16-24 we find a parable that Jesus told of a man who made a great supper and bade many to come, but he found that he did not have guests for his meal until his servants had singled out the people one by one wherever they were, on the highways and in the hedges.

Who are these prospects for Guild membership?

In my business I sell the joy, the pleasure of picture taking, which results in a lifetime of pleasant memories. The Guild member can profit by spiritual enrichment, fellowship, and a lifetime of friendships with other like-minded persons as she becomes a part of the total program of Guild. The Guild in turn profits by the talents the newcomer has to offer.

I would like to ask that we be concerned over those who are not in our organization. Let us increase our faith and our zeal, that we may more earnestly desire and more diligently seek to bring others into the fellowship of our Wesleyan Service Guild.

## VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

November 18, 1961  
Christian Medical College  
Vellore, North Arcot  
INDIA  
(c/o Dept. Anesthesia)

Dear Guilders,

First let me give you the latest news on Susi. This is her picture at 7½ months with Miss Chandrica Desai. Chandrica is the principal of our Methodist Girl's High school in Kolar. Her brother and his wife, who have been married for ten years and who have no children, are going to be Susi's new parents. Susi is growing so fast and is such a sweet happy baby that we are all so glad she is



SUSI AT 7½ MONTHS

going to have a good Christian home to grow up in. I told you something about the baptism custom in my last letter and that Susi had not been baptised so that her new parents would have that privilege. The dates are not yet sure but it looks as if December 3 will be the date for her baptism after her new parents have come to visit and get acquainted with her for a few days. They are planning to name her Grace Sureka. They want the "Grace" because it is by the Grace of God, they say, that they are finally going to have a child. "Sureka" is an Indian name which means "pretty." (I'm really not sure of the spelling and I did not get it checked before I left Kolar.) Her new uncle, Mr. Edwin Gersholm, is a retired

minister of the South India Conference and he will hold the service and baptise Susi in our hospital chapel before they take her away. Susi weighs about 15 pounds now, is laughing and chattering all the time as she plays in her bed or on a mat on the floor. She sits up and is standing alone—holding to things. However, she is not crawling but she does pull up onto her feet if she can get her feet propped against each other. She has her two lower front teeth. For the last month I have been bringing her to our table every night to sit in a high chair and have her supper with us, as I feed her and me too. Everyone is going to miss Susi very much when she goes but, at the same time, everyone is most happy that Susi is going to have a home and be able to be with her parents on her very first Christmas. (By the way, her name is pronounced like "Sue-ray-ka" with the accent on the "ray." (With this name her "Susu" or "Su" or even "Susi" will still fit.)

Well, here I am in Vellore for the next three to six months! This is something new within the past month. We really can use a person trained in anesthesia in Kolar, and someone who would be responsible for all anesthesia at any time it is needed. And, after discussion, it seemed that I would be the most logical person to do something about this. So here I am, since the 16th of November, to learn something about anesthesia and the various methods and reasons for the different methods of anesthesia. I've only been here now two days and have been watching and observing many methods of induction of anesthesia. It is quite interesting—but I find myself also looking over the surgeons shoulder to find out what he is doing! Next week, however, I'm sure I'll be getting into it with more responsibility and will be completely absorbed in the patient and his reactions rather than trying to observe the surgeon. As we have a very good pediatrician in our National doctor, Dr. Datta, I'm sure I will be much more useful with some anesthesia training, when I return to Kolar, than I am as a pediatrician.

Until December 1 I am living on the College Campus which is some five or six miles out from the hospital. After December 1 there will be a room free in the Big Bungalow on the hospital compound and I will be there and much more available to the hospital. In the meantime I am living with Dr. Ida B. Scudder in her home and am very happy that she invited me to stay with her. Dr. Ida B. is a niece of Dr. Ida and is head of the Radiology Department, and of the therapy in particular.

I wish all of you could have gone with me to one of the student vesper programs last night. Once each year the students have a Language Carol Program when the students group together according to their own language group and each sings a Christmas Carol. The Carols sung were in Telugu, Marathi, Malayam, Tamil, Kanada, Hindi, and Chinese. To begin with everyone sang a carol in English. One of the Scripture lessons was read by a boy whom I thought must be the son of one of the English or Australian missionaries as he read in such a beautiful English with a distinct British accent. I was surprised to learn he is a senior medical student from Tibet. Later, on behalf of all the Chinese students (there are a few) he sang a Chinese carol as a solo. He had just as beautiful a singing voice as he did a reading voice.

And so, as we are beginning to think about Thanksgiving (I understand all the Americans here will celebrate with a big joint covered-dish Thanksgiving Dinner next week) and Christmas here I know you are doing the same there at home. And so to each one of you, may you have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year to follow.

Blessings on the,  
Vela

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Mary Mullis ..... Member of Unit I, First Church, Monroe  
Annie Lesba Jordon ..... Member of Arcadia Guild  
The father of Miss Hermine Tate ..... Lafayette Guild  
The son of Mrs. Lillian Patin ..... New Iberia Guild  
The sister of Mrs. John R. Wood ..... Bogalusa, Elizabeth Sullivan  
Memorial Guild

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## "HIS MISSION UNITES US" FULLY ACCOMPLISHED

### AT THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS

ALL the secrets of a wonderfully planned Spring Meeting are out, the mission has been accomplished, and those of us who went do not have adequate words of description for the success of the conference. My oft repeated quotation is still tops in expressing my thoughts for this is the 5th time your editor has reported a Spring Meeting to you and "WORDS DON'T COME RIGHT, SOME WAY, WHEN THERE'S SOMETHING REAL TO SAY".

Since I also served on the Courtesies Committee I am giving you this report so that you may know, briefly, how many wonder fully fine people contributed to the success of our weekend in the Crescent City, New Orleans.

#### REPORT OF THE COURTESY COMMITTEE

We, the Courtesy Committee, on behalf of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds in session at our Eleventh Annual Spring Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana March 17, 18, 1962, express our deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks to those who, by their leadership, made this meeting a time of inspiration and rededication.

We extend our special thanks to Reverend William O. Byrd, host minister, and Reverend John J. Rasmussen, Jr., associate minister, for their many courtesies and the privilege of meeting in the beautiful and spacious First Church.

To Mrs. Milton Baldrige, District Secretary, who served as General Chairman, and to the local arrangements committees on Publicity and Promotion, Registration, Packetts, Hospitality, Transportation, Pages—Ushers and Flowers, Executive Luncheon, Fellowship Tea, Banquet, Quiet Breakfast, Sunday Buffet, Corsages for Missions, Decorations, Worship Settings, and Literature for their detailed preparation and entertainment.

To the District Superintendent, Reverend B. A. Gallaway and the ministers of the New Orleans District who assisted him in administering the Sacrament of the Communion Service we are deeply grateful.

To Mr. Wayne Hobbs, organist and Mr. Frank McDonald and Mrs. J. B. Kolemey, soloists, for their inspiration in music and song, and to the MYF of the New Orleans District for entertainment during the banquet, our thanks.

To the Program Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Cowell, and her committee, we express our appreciation for the very fine way in which they developed the theme of the Conference "His Mission Unites Us".

To Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey for her stirring message "His Mission, Our Mission", to Mrs. Dana Dawson who inspired us as she brought the meditation "With a Song In Your Heart" at the Quiet Breakfast, and to Mrs. Martha Overbey for presenting her message of the Missionary Hour, we say "thank you". The benediction of the prayers that closed each session sent us away refreshed.

The members of the Womens Society of Christian Service serving on our Guild Committee have made a distinct contribution to our program, for which we express our gratitude.

We shall always carry a special love in our hearts for Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, our retiring Conference President of the Woman's

Society of Christian Service and Miss Sue Batton our retiring Wesleyan Service Guild Conference Secretary who for four years have led us in the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Louisiana Conference.

We are especially conscious of the fine Christian fellowship that permeated this, our Eleventh Annual Meeting, and for this we thank each individual in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Langford, Chairman  
Ruth Guthrie  
Hazel Cooper

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Registration showed 226 registered by districts as follows: Alexandria 9, Baton Rouge 35, Lafayette 11, Lake Charles 15, Monroe 28, New Orleans 102, Ruston 1, Shreveport 15, Conference 10.

CORSAGES FOR MISSIONS added an additional \$67.00 to our Gift to Missions.

THE COMMUNION OFFERING totaled \$206.00, 50%, (\$103) will be sent to the Wesleyan Service Guild Assembly at Atlantic City, from the Louisiana Conference. The other 50% will go to Missions Undesignated.

OUR PLEDGE TO MISSIONS was made at a beautifully arranged service on Saturday afternoon. Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Sue Batton, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick and Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr. (substituting for Mrs. H. C. Lloyd, Treasurer) participated with the eight District Secretaries as they pledged the sum of \$17,450.00, representing 2174 Guild women from the Louisiana Conference as follows:

Miss Marie Pace—Alexandria District	\$ 1,900.00
Mrs. Emma Mainous—Baton Rouge	2,650.00
Miss Maree White—Lafayette	1,050.00
Miss Grace Lawson—Lake Charles	2,100.00
Mrs. Zella Cotton—Monroe	2,300.00
Mrs. Louise Baldrige—New Orleans	2,250.00
Mrs. Boots Guthrie—Ruston	2,250.00
Miss Hazel Cooper—Shreveport	2,950.00

TOTAL PLEDGE \$17,450.00

DELEGATES ELECTED TO MT. SEQUOYAH (June 23-24) are Mrs. Thomas D. Guthrie, Jr., Ruston our newly elected Recording Secretary and Mrs. Violet Jackson of New Orleans. The alternates are Sara Wadsworth of Bogalusa and Jerry Beck of Shreveport. Our quota on the Mountain is 21 delegates, so get your registration in. As many as wish to may attend by staying in Fayetteville. Your District Secretary can assist you.

The invitation for the 12th Annual Spring Meeting to meet in Monroe in 1963 was accepted.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Your District Conference will be announced by your District Secretary.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY—Atlantic City, New Jersey—May 15-18.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY GUILD WEEKEND—Atlantic City, N. J.—May 18-20.

JURISDICTION GUILD WEEKEND—Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas—June 22-24.

JURISDICTION WSCS SCHOOL OF MISSIONS—Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas—June 25-29.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD WEEKEND—Camp Brewer—July 14-16.

CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS—Centenary College—August 7-11.



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

It is Recommended:

1. That in the overall planning of the program for the year, the committee make sure that each monthly program be based upon the World Mission of the Church.
2. That Guild members on all levels be informed of the Leadership Conference on "Our Mission Today", and be urged to watch for opportunities to participate in and carry some responsibility for the implementation of the Quadrennial Emphasis.
3. That accurate reporting be urged on all levels.
4. That we improve the quality of work done by study groups, with an effort to increase the number of classes.
5. That we increase the use of the Prayer Calendar for individual worship and at meetings of Guild units.
6. That more retreats be held on Conference, district and local levels. Also prayer groups have been most helpful when established in Guild units.
7. That Conferences take responsibility for having teams organized and trained within Districts for the purpose of Guild cultivation and organization of new Guilds.
8. That there be more emphasis on membership and quality work in all phases of Guild work.
9. That Guild units be urged to make their first responsibility in Supply Work giving, meeting of the askings in full.
10. That the recommendations adopted by the Standing Committee on Christian Social Relations be incorporated into the Guild program.
11. That we take advantage of all National United Nations Seminars.
12. That Recruitment be our first concern in Guild units.
13. That the importance of increasing our pledge to Missions be kept before the members.
14. That all officers on all levels strive to improve reporting, with emphasis on accuracy, with 100% reporting.

I will not try to write my usual letter in this issue of Guild Times, due to the heavy work in getting ready for Spring Annual Meeting, and my recent illness.

I do want to take a few moments to commend you for your splendid work in these past three quarters. We are growing in all phases of Guild work, I am more than happy for the reports we can make in the fourth quarter. We are growing in knowledge, in stature, wisdom and responsibilities. It has been a joy and pleasure to serve such a wonderful organization. Watch for my going-out letter in next Guild Times.

Sue Batton  
Louisiana Conference Guild Secretary

## OUT-GOING OFFICERS HONORED

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Glenn Laskey paid tribute to our out-going Conference Secretary, Miss Sue Batton for her splendid leadership during her four years of office and, on behalf of the Conference, she presented Sue with an Honorary Life Membership Patron Pen and a certificate representing a gift of \$300 to Missions. Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick then paid tribute to Miss Marilynn Carter, out-going Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Ruth Cowell, out-going Chairman of Christian Social Relations for their excellent service to the Conference and presented each of them with Honorary Life Membership Pens which represented gifts of \$100.00 each to Missions in their honor.

Miss Sue Batton recognized the outstanding leadership and guidance the Guilds had received from Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, out-going Conference President, and announced that a gift to Missions had been made in her honor. On Sunday morning Miss Batton paid tribute to Mrs. Wideman Watson for the many ways in which she had assisted the Guilds as Chairman of Literature and Publications and Missionary Education and told the Conference that a gift had been made to Missions in Mrs. Watson's honor.

These monetary gifts will do much to forward our great program of missions, but to adequately express appreciation to these who have served our conference with their time and talents is indeed a difficult task. Knowing them, we know that they will continue to give of themselves in places of leadership wherever the Lord may need them.



IN MEMORIAM

Adele Trussell  
Nugent

August 28, 1914  
February 6, 1962

Before coming to Ruston and Grace Methodist Church early in 1956, Adele Trussell Nugent (Mrs. Earl) had been quite active in Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport, especially in the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

In 1955 she was honored by the Noel Guild with a Life Membership in the Wesleyan Service Guild in recognition of her devoted services to the Guild and to the total church organization. She was a teacher and a social worker in the Church School, spending a great portion of her time and energies with patients in the Polio Ward of Confederate Memorial Hospital. This service led her into vocational work in the Shreveport School for Exceptional Children and later in the Ruston Elementary School with a class of retarded children.

In the Noel Memorial Church Guild Adele served as Chairman of Missionary Education, Vice President, and President.

Adele moved to Ruston in March, 1956, and immediately became affiliated with Grace Methodist Church (April 1, 1956) and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. At that time the night circle had so grown in membership that a division seemed desirable, and Adele suggested the organization of a Wesleyan Service Guild. A nucleus of employed women expressed interest in becoming Guild members and the organization meeting was held on April 20, 1956, with Adele as the first President. After serving as President for two years, she was elected Spiritual Life Chairman. In 1959 she was elected to serve on the District level as District Secretary in which position she continued to work until her passing on February 6, 1962.

Not only was Adele a devoted, energetic, and enthusiastic worker in her Church, but she offered Christian Service to her fellowman whenever and to whatever extent her talents could be applied.

Adele's influence as she sought to fulfill her Christian mission will live on in the lives of those she touched. Especially will this be true of workers in Wesleyan Service Guilds in Noel Memorial and Grace Methodist Churches, as well as of Guild workers on the District, State, and Jurisdictional levels.

This memorial is dedicated to the memory of Adele Trussell Nugent and to the work of Wesleyan Service Guilds throughout the world to which she was a devoted servant. The Christian faith lived by her might best be expressed to us in the words of a poet who said:

"When all is done on earth, say not my day is o'er, . . .

Say rather that my morn has just begun, . . ."

" . . . Just say I'm living, busy, serving, in a bigger, brighter room."

(Presented by the Wesleyan Service Guild of Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, La.)—Mrs. Fairy C. McBride, Promotion Chairman

## MISS ELIZABETH STINSON

Louisiana Guilders will be interested in knowing that good news comes from Miss Elizabeth Stinson who is recuperating after having undergone major surgery. Elizabeth, whose home is Jonesboro, Louisiana, has been with our General Board for a number of years, now serving in the department of Missions. Her New York address is Apt. 15C, 100 LaSalle St., New York 26, N. Y. During her convalescing Louisiana news will do her good!



## NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

(Since most of the material for this issue of Guild Times goes to press before the convening of the Annual Meeting and only the report of the Conference can be carried in this issue all pictures of the officers and those on the program will be carried in the July issue, as well as any reports that did not get into this issue.)

MISS ARLINE TYLER of Noel Guild, Shreveport, was elected to succeed Miss Sue Batton as Conference Secretary. The report of the nominating committee gave this record of Arline:

Arline is presently serving as Chairman of Spiritual Life South Central Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild. Before that she was chairman of Spiritual Life for the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild. She served as a deaconess from 1942-1951 in Southwestern Conference of Missouri and North Alabama Conference doing Rural Work. She has served as Missionary Education Chairman of the Shreveport District, District Secretary, is a charter member of the Noel Guild and has held almost every office in her local Guild. She is employed by the Caddo Parish School Board in the capacity of Jr. High guidance and counseling. She is good in organization and planning in the overall program.

MRS. THOMAS GUTHRIE, JR. (BOOTS) of Trinity Guild, Ruston, was elected Recording Secretary, to succeed Miss Marilyn Carter. The Nominating Committee's report had this to say of Boots:

Boots is presently serving as Chairman of Christian Social Relations in the Ruston District, and also is president of the Virginia Laskey Guild at Trinity Methodist Church in Ruston. She was the first Vice-President of the Elizabeth Langford Guild at First Church Monroe, in 1958. She is married to Thomas D. Guthrie, Jr., an instructor in General Engineering at Louisiana Tech. They have one daughter, Lenee Michelle, age 5. Boots is a member of the Sterlington, Louisiana, Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star where she served as Conductress before moving to Ruston. She is well qualified for the office of Recording Secretary, having done clerical work since 1952. She worked very closely with Adele Nugent, District Secretary, Ruston District, as her assistant.

MISS MILDRED EVANS, Second Church Guild, New Orleans District, was elected Chairman of Spiritual Life.

Mildred is presently serving an unexpired term as Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life. Mildred is a past District Secretary of the New Orleans District, a past president of Second Methodist Church Guild, and has held almost every office in her Guild. She is a Church School Teacher and former member of the Board of Trustees. Mildred is employed as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Third District Homestead Association in New Orleans.

MRS. ALVIN SANDEFUR (BEE), Bunkie Guild, Alexandria District, was elected Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

Bee is past District Secretary of the Alexandria District. She resides in Bunkie where she owns and operates her own business, a beauty salon. She is a dedicated, well qualified candidate for the office of Christian Social Relations. She has held practically every office in her local Guild at Bunkie.

FIVE elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for a term of four years are: Miss Marilyn Carter (New Iberia), Mrs. Ruth Cowell (Pineville), Miss Ruby Craton (Minden), Mrs. Helen Adams Preston (Lake Charles), and Mrs. Ruth B. Travis (Baton Rouge).

## IN MEMORIAM

The mother of Mildred Walker, Virginia Laskey Guild, Trinity Church, Ruston.

Vera Chester, President of the Franklinton Guild, and sister of Rev. D. W. Poole, Baton Rouge District Superintendent.

Mrs. Lena Porteous, mother of Mrs. L. C. Callahan, Susie Jones Guild, DeRidder.

Lillian, the sister of Ruth Tracy, Second Methodist Church Guild, New Orleans.

Mr. E. T. Cowell, husband of Ruth Cowell, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations and member of Pineville Guild.

The father of Mrs. Morton Schwartz, Abbeville Guild.

A brother of Mrs. Emily Guinn, New Iberia Guild.

A sister of Mrs. Claudia Miller, Unit 1, First Church Guild, Monroe.

The mother of Mrs. Mae Snapp, Unit 1, First Church Guild, Monroe.

Mr. G. W. Crow, the husband of Callie Crow, President of Southside Guild, Monroe.

Miss Dora E. Radeke, President of the Welsh Guild. Her niece Miss Frances Willard is quite active in the Simpson Guild in Lake Charles.

Mr. J. R. Miles, husband of Mrs. J. R. Miles, Co-ordinator, Simpson Guild.

Mr. D. A. Collette, brother of Mrs. Edith Viccellio, Simpson Guild. Walina Woods, member of University Guild, Lake Charles.

## FROM OUR SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION SECRETARY

Greetings:

It is indeed a pleasure to send you greetings and to commend you on the fine work that you are doing in your Wesleyan Service Guild Units. It is with pride that I read the reports from your Conference—the growth in membership, in units, in giving and spiritually.

In times like these, when every day brings to us reminders of the tensions that beset the troubled world and all its people, let us pause to remember that no great work has been achieved without patience and probably without some measure of discouragement and failure. But let us not forget that in every era there have been people who could look beyond doubt and disappointment and hold before them the vision of that glowing purpose, which, when fulfilled, would bring enriched living for a free people.

We, in the Wesleyan Service Guild, have that vision, the knowhow—and the energy to carry through, because we follow the pattern set before us—that of cooperation.

Because of the times, let's pause and ask ourselves these questions:

Have I clasped someone's hand this week in such a way that he knows he can count on me as a friend?

Have I laid my hands on a discouraged shoulder and said, "I believe in you", or "I am praying for you"?

Have I put my hand in my pocket and given some money to my Church, to my Guild, to further the Kingdom of God as I believe it?

Let us be thankful for our hands, and turn to the Heavenly Father for guidance as to how best to use them. What is in thy hand? A MEMBERSHIP CARD; a BIBLE; a GLOBE; a SECRET. Let's use them.

"Wait on the Lord", said the psalmist. Then we are in tune. May we be in tune with Him at the proper time, "When our days shall know their number," hear the "Golden Bells as they ring out for you and me". Let us continue doing the work set out for us as Guilders and keep the Church bells ringing.

Hazel Dabney

Pine Bluff, Arkansas

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Agnes Miller, (Mrs. Austin), Conference Chairman

Wasn't it wonderful to have Martha Overbey with us at Conference in New Orleans! It is always an extra inspiration to have those of our own who are in full time service. Martha's report of her work made us more proud than ever of what she is doing. Her example is a strong one for other Guilders to follow. Retirement does not need to mean the end of our usefulness. More of us can find wide and challenging fields of service in missions when we leave the work that has filled our time for so many years.

The number of mission study courses this year has been almost the same as last. At the end of February we had received 46 JR credits. (There were 42 at this time in 1961.) The record of these studies by Districts is:

District	First Period	Second Period	Total
Alexandria	1	6	7
Baton Rouge	1	2	3
Lafayette	1	3	4
Lake Charles	4	3	7
Monroe	0	5	5
New Orleans	1	4	5
Ruston	4	4	8
Shreveport	3	4	7
Total	15	31	46

Reported by subjects, seven different courses have been studied. These are: Churches for New Times—13, The Meaning of Suffering—11, The Christian Mission in Latin America—11, The Christian and Responsible Citizenship—6, Basic Christian Beliefs—3, Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions—1, and Alcohol and Christian Responsibility—1.

May we hope that every Guild in the Conference will have a study for JR credit this year? That would be a goal to inspire all of us.



## SUPPLY WORK

Ruth Guthrie, (Mrs. T. D.), Conference Chairman

Progress and improvement have been evident in reports which I have received during the first three quarters of this year. Increased interest in study and giving show that all Guilds in the Louisiana Conference have truly put forth a greater effort to "personalize" the Supply Work in ways such as: visits or tours to locations, personal correspondence, promoting activities to arouse interest in giving by means of a "Christmas in August" offering, the use of posters highlighting the locations and work of "Cash Askings", and news articles from the Methodist Woman and "Do You Know" Booklets as part of the regular program.

After meeting their pledge to missions, cash for supply work was raised over and above the pledge by the sale of Christmas and occasional cards, church stationery, special love offerings, and members of one Guild saved dimes to contribute to their supply fund.

Many chairmen of Supply Work attended workshops, officers training programs and coaching conferences, thus, a greater interest in the overall program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service was brought about and a deepened concern for the needs of all peoples. It is my sincere hope that officers and chairmen who will be elected in this new year, will be in attendance at the coaching conference and show the same concern.

The parable of the mustard seed should encourage us to witness, even though we may be able to do only a little. We are to sow the seed, regardless of the smallness or largeness of the sowing. The size of the seed does not indicate how large a plant or tree will grow from it.

A detailed report on Supply Work for the first three quarters will be in the "Conference Delegates Packet". Please pass the information on to your respective groups as space will not permit it to be reported in the "GUILD TIMES". My thanks to each and every one of you who helped to make this progressive report possible.

### CASH ASKINGS, 1961 - 1962

LOCATION	ASKING	PAID	TO BE PAID FOURTH QUARTER
Scarrit College, Nash, Tenn.	\$552.00	\$536.73	\$ 15.47
National Christian College, K. C. Mo.	685.00	556.60	128.40
Dulac Community Center, Dulac, La.	50.00	146.87	None
Latin America	130.00	155.87	None
Lomela, Cent. Congo, Africa	170.00	265.29	None
Magazine and Picture Fund, \$2.00 per Guild	135.26		
(110 Guilds x 2 = 220.00)	82.75		

NOTE: District Chairmen of Supply Work: "Cash Askings" for the year 1961-1962 will be coming to me soon. Immediately after the election of your district officers, please send me the name and address of your successor so the information can be channeled to the Local Guild chairmen in time for the first quarter's work.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Ruth B. Cowell, (Mrs. E. T.), Conference Chairman

Since the last issue of Guild Times our hearts have been saddened on several occasions when news came to us of sorrow within our Guild family. Our own Ruth Cowell, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations, lost her husband on January 8th. Mr. Cowell was well known by many of Ruth's Guild friends throughout the Conference and he was always interested in Ruth's Guild work. The sympathy of the conference has been expressed to Ruth and her family.

Since Ruth is chairman of the Program for the Spring Conference you will have had the opportunity of seeing her in New Orleans. Her excellent work in preparing the program details for the weekend, though done with a heavy heart, bear testimony of her devotion to our Louisiana Guild work. In her own words, she said:

"Please extend to all of my friends and many of the Guilds my appreciation for their kind thoughts and prayers. It has been a sad time, but a time also of great comfort . . . a feeling of being surrounded by the love of friends and the love of God. I could, and still can, almost feel the prayers of friends going up for my safety and ability to adjust, and it gives me strength. Thank them all for the family."

Ruth's office as Christian Social Relations Chairman for the conference will have ended in New Orleans, but the contributions she will continue to make in Louisiana Guild work will continue to be felt as she gives of her dedicated self to our great program. Her successor will be inspired to follow in her footsteps.

—The Editor

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

As we enter into a solemn and holy period of the year culminating with Easter, what could be more fitting than to open this Lenten Season with an observance of the World Day of Prayer, March 9?

This year marks the seventy-sixth annual observance. Alaska and Africa have been chosen as the areas of special need to receive help from the offering. "For God So Loved the World" is the theme of the program which comes from Uruguay.

Perhaps those of you who do not have a prayer group or groups will want to begin such a group during this time. If so, you will find the article in the November, 1951 Methodist Woman (page 18) "Our Common Supplications" by Laura E. Tompkins helpful.

To further enrich you during the Lenten Season you might study "The Meaning of Suffering", our approved Spiritual Life Study.

Lastly, may I ask that each of you remember, in prayer, the Assembly Guild Week-end, May 18-20 in Atlantic City.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Miss Marie Pace, District Secretary

THE BUNKIE GUILD completed their study "Land of El Dorado" in December with a supper of Latin American Dishes. The study was taught by Mrs. Alvin Sandefur and, as an out-growth of this study a Baby Membership was given in honor of Mrs. Sandefur's grandson Bobby Lane, and a gift of money was also sent to Brazil. As an outgrowth from a previous study a census was made of shut-ins and the committee visits them every month.

January being Guild Month, we celebrated with a covered dish supper in Fellowship Hall. All our district officers were invited and we were happy to welcome Miss Marie Pace, District Secretary, Miss Mabel Powell, Recording District Secretary and Mrs. Bessie Rollo, District Supply Chairman. Two of our own members are also District officers—Mrs. Sandefur, Chairman of Missionary Education, and Mrs. Cay Richardson, Spiritual Life Chairman. Mrs. Rowena Lee lead a special program on our Guild Emblem and Quadrennial Emphases.

In February our Guild was fortunate in having as guest speaker, Mrs. Martha Overbey, who is a rural worker in Alexandria District. Election of officers was held at this meeting.

Our Guild is continuing a meditation after each meeting with Mrs. Lola Couvillion, Spiritual Life Chairman, as leader. She is also planning a Quiet Breakfast during Lent. Our Guild has shown the film "A Plus for Working Women". We are proud to welcome a new member, Mrs. Barbara Wasson. Mrs. Cay Richardson is president of Bunkie Guild.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Emma P. Mainous, (Mrs. C. G.), District Secretary

The 16 Guild units in the District celebrated Guild Month in many interesting ways and this important month was once again climaxed with the District Christian Social Relations Citizenship Brunch.

The Citizenship Brunch was held in Amite with some 125 members of the 16 units attending. The program was opened with the invocation presented by Mrs. Louise Beard of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. Mrs. Flora Tauzin, District Christian Social Relations Chairman, extended greetings to the group. The purpose of the Christian Social Relations Committee was explained by Mrs. Layton G. Mainous, District Secretary, who said that this committee works through local church channels and in cooperation with other community agencies to meet community needs, and works for the passage and enforcement of good legislation in city, parish, state and nation.

Local Chairmen of Christian Social Relations taking part in the event were: Advance reservations, Mrs. Mabel Finch, Amite; Publicity, Mrs. B. W. Causey, Baton Rouge; Name tags, Miss Ruth Rother, Amite; Programs, Miss Rose Wolf, Hammond; Registration, Mrs. Lenata Legendre, Ponchatoula. Those serving on the reception committee included: Mrs. Nell Bell, Kentwood; Miss Flora Burris, Franklinton; Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, Jackson; Mrs. Dot Huckabee, Baton Rouge and Mrs. Corbett Mitchell, Bogalusa.

The musical selection of the Guild Hymn was rendered by Mrs. D. D. Morgan, Mrs. Peck Martin, Mr. Ike Case and Mr. Roy Stewart, Jr., Miss Katherine Johnson accompanied them at the piano.

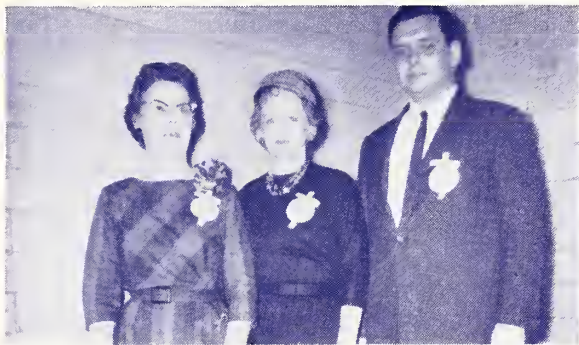
Mr. Tom Matheny, Prominent attorney of Hammond and Lay Leader of the Baton Rouge District of the Methodist Church was

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## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

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Mrs. Flora Tauzin, District Chairman Christian Social Relations; Mrs. C. G. Mainous, District Secretary; Mr. Tom Metheny, Speaker at the Brunch.

introduced as the guest speaker by Mrs. Tauzin. Mr. Matheny's address was entitled "Citizenship—Our Responsibility". Mr. Matheny used the one word "OUR" as he told the group that they must fulfil their civic responsibility as Christians by thinking of and discussing the affairs which affect their way of life and the life of the community and the world in which they live.

The flower arrangements featured a display of white chrysanthemums intermingled with American flags as the centerpiece of the speaker's table. Miniature flags mounted in bases of red, white and blue tulle were placed down the centers of the dining tables, along with red, white and blue streamers. Miss Mary Batte of Amite was in charge of decorations.

Mrs. T. L. James, Baton Rouge, District President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was a special guest.

The Brunch was concluded with the benediction given by Mrs. Robert McManu, Jr., University Guild.

Guilds represented were: First Church Unit No. 1 and 2, Baton Rouge, Ingleside, Istrouma, North Baton Rouge, Winbourne, University, Denham Springs, Amite, Kentwood, Jackson, Hammond, Franklinton, Ponchatoula, Bogalusa Units 1 and 2.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Maree White, District Secretary

One of the most rewarding experiences of my life has been the opportunity to serve four years as District Secretary of Lafayette District. Out of these years have come a better knowledge of the mechanical workings of Guild, a deeper understanding of the great purposes of our organization, and a closer friendship with many wonderful people both in the district and on the Conference level. What other investment of time and effort can bring such rich dividends?

Let me say to all who are only half-hearted members—to those of you who contribute to the financial support of your unit and attend only occasionally when lack of interest is the reason: you haven't given Guild a chance! Resolve to be a better member by attending regularly, by participating in the work, and by learning the organizational program of the Wesleyan Service Guild. You, too, will soon draw the splendid dividends mentioned above.

Report came in from three units about their Guild Month programs:

In Abbeville, members met in the home of Mrs. Lester Thomas on Tuesday, January 16. Five past Presidents were presented red carnation corsages in recognition of their service to the unit: Mrs. R. K. Lanier, Mrs. Carroll Spell, Mrs. Olga C. Golden, Mrs. Preston Broussard, and Mrs. Francis Hollier. A program and social were enjoyed.

The Opelousas unit stressed Friendship as a theme for their Guild Month program, resolving to place greater emphasis on friendship throughout the year. The film, "A Plus for Working Women" was shown.

In New Iberia the members enjoyed a covered dish supper in a home. Guilders were recognized at church service. Guild month was an appropriate time to recognize a member with a special membership; this pin was presented to Mrs. Pat Eldridge.

The Lafayette Guild plans to study The Meaning of Suffering during the pre-Easter period. Their President, Miss Helen Sullivan taught a study for the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

On Saturday, February 24, a team made up of Mrs. Eloi Girard, district President of the WSCS; Miss Marilyn Carter of

New Iberia; Mrs. Bessie Fairley of Opelousas; and I drove down to Houma where we met with Mrs. Carl Brunson, President of the Woman's Society of First Church, and several other interested persons. The team presented a program on Guild organization and the relationship between Guild and Woman's Society; this was followed by a question-and-answer period. The team was delighted with the interest shown and with the prospects for organization of a unit. We hope that the next issue of Guild Time will report that a Guild unit in Houma has become a reality.

The spring district meeting will be held in Opelousas this year. We are looking forward to hearing some fine reports from our Presidents and district officers at that time. We shall be especially honored to have Miss Sue Batton with us at this meeting.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Grace M. Lawson, District Secretary

Guild Month was observed in some way by most of the Guilds in the Lake Charles District. The highlight of the observance at First Church, Lake Charles, was a joint meeting at the church. The W. S. C. S. served as hostess. Miss Elizabeth Langford, editor of Guild Times, was the guest speaker, using as her subject "You Are More Than You Are". Miss Mary Minta Moore explained the significance of the Guild emblem, using the needlepoint emblem which was made for the Guild by Dora Smith. Mrs. Helen Adams Preston gave highlights of Guild history, and introduced Miss Langford.

In DeQuincy the Guild and Woman's Society met together in January, with the Guild presenting the program, and the Society serving a lovely buffet supper.

WESTLAKE observed the month with announcements in the church bulletin, and a tea for all the women of the church.

The MAYE YOUNGBLOOD and SUSIE JONES UNITS were recognized at the morning worship service at First Church, DeRidder. Guild members sat in reserved seats and the congregation joined in singing the Guild Hymn. In the afternoon the Guild entertained the W. S. C. S. with a tea in the church parlors.

In JENNINGS and at SIMPSON Church in Lake Charles, activities of the W. S. G. were featured in the church bulletins during January.

The W. S. C. S. in WELSH under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Nina Shipp, served a lovely buffet supper to the Guild, on Monday evening, January 8, preceding the regular Guild meeting.

The Spring Meeting of the Lake Charles District Guilds is scheduled for April 29, at the University Church in Lake Charles, with members of the Lena Sweeny Unit under the leadership of Mrs. Alberta Salmons as hostesses.

Miss Mary Gladys Page, former Conference Secretary of WSG visited with friends in Welsh and Lake Charles during the weekend of February 24-25. She planned to visit in Opelousas and also in the Baton Rouge District before returning to her home in Hazelhurst, Mississippi.

The SUSIE JONES GUILD—DeRidder—Mrs. B. K. Roberts, Reporter, observed the Week of Prayer and Self Denial in October with a Quiet Day Program at the church with the Maye Youngblood Guild and the Guild of the Wesley Methodist Church joining us.

During November we completed the study "Churches for New Times" under the leadership of Mary Blankenbaker, our vice-president and Chairman of Missionary Education.

The SUSIE JONES GUILD, in observance of Guild Month joined the Maye Youngblood Guild in giving a tea Sunday, January 28, for the members of the W. S. C. S.

At the February business meeting the following new officers were elected: Marguerite Spell, President; Mary Blankenbaker, Vice-President; Catherine Parsons, Recording Secretary; Robbie Gehron, Promotion Secretary; Merle Perkins, Treasurer; and Mrs. T. R. Sartor, Jr., Co-ordinator. A special ceremony welcomed the following new members into the guild: Billie Hawkins, Marguerite Smith, Evelyn LaCaze, Patsy Stanford and Marie Hooker.

During recent months Life Membership were presented to Marie Hooker, Mary Blankenbaker, and Robbie Gehron.

Beginning March 19, Patsy Stanford will lead the guild in the study "The Meaning of Suffering."

"Miss Dora E. Radeke, president and president-elect of our Welsh WSG suffered a heart attack at the Church Friday evening shortly after the close of our World Day of Prayer observance. A doctor and nurse were there when it happened, and did what they could for her, but she died shortly after reaching the local hospital. It was such a shock to us all but such a nice way to go."—Grace Lawson.



## MONROE DISTRICT

Zella Cotton, (Mrs. W. A.), District Secretary

GUILD MONTH was observed in various ways in the District. One of the outstanding was SOUTHSIDE GUILD in Monroe. They were responsible for the Wednesday night prayer services for the month of January. Another wonderful thing they did was entertain at their church guests from three of the convalescent homes. This was enjoyed very much by these older people, as they like to know people still think about them. To climax the month they had a reception for new and prospective members. As a result, several new members have been added to the rolls. Also, they have bought pews for the new chapel in their church.

GORDON AVENUE GUILD has really been a busy and interested group. They have had 100% attendance lately and everyone is truly interested in Guild work. They report their budget is up to date, as they have paid all their askings. They have taken one study for JR Credit and are now having the Church-wide mission study and plan on getting JR Credit for it also. The Guild members have been largely responsible for this Study. They have three members going to the Spring Conference in New Orleans.

FIRST METHODIST GUILD, Unit 1, report active participation in the Church wide Study on Latin America and are doing the extra assignments for JR Credit. They will have an extra dose of enthusiasm for the remainder of the year as eleven members are registered for the Spring Conference in New Orleans. Both this unit and the ELIZABETH LANGFORD Unit observed Guild Month in a special way. On the Sunday they attended church in a body they wore Guild identification tags. Dr. Pomeroy called on Miss Elizabeth Langford for a 3-minute presentation of Guild work to the congregation. A joint covered-dish supper with the 2 Guilds and the Woman's Society of Christian Service highlighted the month's activities.

MEMORIAL GUILD has taken another study for JR Credit. This unit takes at least three JR studies each year and enjoy these studies very much. They had a joint meeting with the Woman's Society of Christian Service in December at a Latin American dinner, as both were studying Latin America. It was most successful.

Monroe District is making plans now to have our District Spring Meeting on Sunday, April 29th in Rayville. Make your plans now to attend this Monroe District Conference.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Louise (Mrs. M. C.) Baldrige, District Secretary

SECOND METHODIST—Mildred Evans, Reporter. At our February meeting the Guild elected Azilda Evans as their voting delegate to the Annual Spring Conference. We would also like to express sympathy to Ruth Tracy on the death of her sister, Lillian.

GENTILLY—Margaret McGowan, Reporter. Our Guild has had a busy past two months working with the Guild of First Methodist on the Saturday afternoon tea for spring conference.

ST. MATTHEWS—"Skip" Brown, Reporter. We are in the process of making plans to distribute daily devotionals to the church congregation during the Lenten season.

RAYNE MEMORIAL—Monroe Hayes, Reporter. Our Guild was recently increased by two new members: Mrs. Francis Gam-mill and Miss Louise Sharp, who is also our new Religious Educational Director for our Church—On January 28th we were the host church for a tea given for the district. We enjoyed the fellowship of the many women who attended. We also enjoyed a movie titled "The Working Woman". At our February meeting we were honored by a lovely talk by Mrs. Warner (whose husband is the consul to Norway and Denmark). Her talk on "Women of Norway" was made more interesting by the native costume of Norway which she wore.

ST LUKE—Kathryn Huey, Reporter. On March 9, 1962, we were the host church to the district World Day of Prayer. Mrs. Guy Hicks was the speaker. We received our JR Credit for the attendance of 6 members at our study of "Latin America in Focus" in November . . . Friends of Beth Payne of St. Lukes Guild will be interested to know that she is undergoing treatment for an old illness. We all hope for her speedy recovery.

MUNHOLLAND NO. 2—Jean Mattox, Reporter. We were hostesses at the Spring Conference this past March. We are a new guild and were quite pleased to be able to do our part in welcoming all fellow Guild members.

FIRST METHODIST—Edith Sigborsen, Reporter. Each Sunday night in February our church sponsored an "Expression Around the World" study. On the first Sunday night our Guild sponsored the Latin American program. We had a family supper and each church member attending brought a foreign dish. Many countries were represented (China, Italy, Norway, Sweden, etc.). We decorated the



NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT TEA, January 28 — Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Secretary, Spiritual Life; Mrs. Carl Gallaher, District President W. S. C. S.; Mrs. Louise Baldrige, District Secretary; Mrs. Nona Hayes, President, Rayne Guild; Dr. A. M. Serex, Pastor, Rayne Memorial Church.

fellowship hall with articles from Central and South American countries. Our speakers were Latin American people who spoke on missionary work in Latin America. There were 140 people in attendance. In the latter part of April we are making plans to sponsor a church wide dinner with the proceeds to go to the church building fund. We recently gave an honorary pin and certificate to our church custodian, Gus Gabriel. Through the years he has helped the Guild in assisting in anything and everything he could possibly do. We are in his debt and this was but a small token of our appreciation.

MUNHOLLAND, UNIT NO. 1—June Smith, Reporter. For this year our Christmas project was a cake sale at Kaufman's Store. We wrapped the cakes and cookies in Christmas colors. The proceeds went to St. Marks Community Center. At our December meeting we all brought groceries and canned goods to fill a basket for the Sharing Shelf at Felicity Methodist Church. Our love offering was given to Rev. Finnan to help out where he thought there was a need for it.

We had a gay time at our Christmas meeting as it was held in our President's Nursery School which was decorated beautifully. Her children caught the Christmas-giving spirit from her and also helped fill our basket.

At our January meeting a Life Membership Pin was presented to President, Dorothy Blanchard. Also at our January church-wide study our Guild had charge of all the devotionals.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT W. S. G.

Skip Brown, Reporter

A District Tea was held at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church January 28th in observance of "Guild Month". It was lovely and well attended by Guild members and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. It was a joy to have these ladies as our guests. We were happy to have Dr. Serex, Pastor of Rayne Memorial with us, also Mrs. Carl Gallaher, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The Film "A Plus for Working Women" was shown and enjoyed by all.

Our thanks to Lucille Wells and Elizabeth Beard for planning such a delightful affair.

Plans are being made for the "World Day of Prayer", March 9th, 8:00 P. M. at St. Luke's Methodist Church. The speaker will be Mrs. Guy (Bess) Hicks, wife of Rev. Guy Hicks, Pastor of First Methodist Church in Alexandria. We are inviting the public to hear our inspiring speaker. DeEllo Simon is making all arrangements for this affair.

It was my pleasure to visit the Covington Guild in February. They are as busy as bees getting ready for the Annual Meeting.

As an outgrowth of the study "The Meaning of Suffering" they will entertain the patients at the State Mental Hospital in Mandeville, La. with a "Square Dance" and refreshments. It was inspiring to be with this lovely group.

The entire District is working and planning for the "Annual Meeting" March 17 and 18. We are looking forward to greeting you in New Orleans and hope that you will enjoy your visit with us.

A "Tour of La. Missions" will be held in the late spring, under the direction of Beverly Biehler Dist. Missionary Education Chairman.

We hope to have a program on "Leadership" at our Annual District Meeting in April.

Plans are under way for "Officer's Training Day" in May.



## RUSTON DISTRICT

Mrs. Thomas (Boots) Guthrie, Reporting

Ruston district has been deeply saddened by the death of Adele Nugent, district secretary. It is our hope and prayer that Ruston district will continue to grow in Guild work and be able to use this experience of loss as God would have us to do.

The activity in Ruston district revealed in the following reports, emphasizes more interest in approved studies and support of missions.

**ARCADIA**—reports 4 new members and several other prospects. The Latin America study was recently completed and as an outgrowth a collection was taken and sent to missionaries, Carl and Julia Williams. Joint meetings with members of Salem Methodist Church are in progress for the Bible study "The Meaning of Suffering". It is felt that these joint meetings have been very beneficial to both Salem and Arcadia members.

**FARMERVILLE**—sent a love offering at Christmas to Dot Hubbard in Taejon, Korea, who is a personal friend of the minister's wife. The offering amounted to \$21.00 and the Guild received word that the money bought sixty Bibles for children at a deaf and dumb school in Taejon.

**HAYNESVILLE**—Guild members became quite industrious for Christmas by sewing aprons and cooking candy and cookies which were sold to raise money to send to Rev. George Braswell, Methodist Indian Mission, Talequa, Oklahoma. Together with a "love offering" brought to the Christmas supper, a total of \$30.00 was sent.

**JONESBORO**—has completed the Bible study, taught by their pastor Rev. E. L. Tatum, for JR Credit. As an outcome, they sent sunshine baskets to the nursing home and to a youth in a New Orleans hospital and donated \$25.00 on the hospital bill of a member's brother. They are now working for JR Credit on the mission study Latin America. Issues of the Upper Room are supplied by the Jonesboro Guild to the clinics and hospitals there every two months. Two new members have joined the Jonesboro Guild. An outstanding meeting featuring a speaker from the Indian Mission in Oklahoma was attended by Guild members recently and a donation to the mission was made.

**MINDEN, UNIT NO. 1**—made an offering of \$46.00 for the "Week of Prayer". A most impressive Christmas program was given in December. On the altar was a giant Christmas card with messages from the missionaries at home and abroad. These messages were brought to the Guild by different members. At the conclusion of the program, lights were turned out and candles lit. While soft Christmas music played, members approached the prayer bench at the foot of the altar by twos and offered up prayers for our missionaries everywhere. The Guild participated in the church wide study "The Christian Mission in Latin America" with parts on the program and donations of food for the fellowship period during the study. An average of 19 persons attended all meetings during the study.

**SPRINGHILL**—met with the Womans Society of Christian Service for potluck and the Christmas program in December. There was a special program in January on Alaska with slides and comments from one of the group who visited Alaska last summer. Springhill's own foreign exchange student from Norway gave a very interesting talk at the February meeting and compared the religious life in Norway with our United States. Also in February "The Meaning of Suffering" was studied with interesting meetings and good attendance.

**GRACE W. S. G.**—in Ruston joined with the church for a Family Fellowship in December. Recently the Bible study, "The Meaning of Suffering" was presented by Miss Annis Cawthorn to the Guild and the church jointly. Grace also reports joint meetings with the W. S. C. S.

**TRINITY W. S. G.**—in Ruston has recently completed the study "The Christian and Responsible Citizenship" and received JR Credit. As observance of Guild Month in January Wesleyan Guild members attended church service in a body and had lunch together with members of Virginia Laskey Guild.

**VIRGINIA LASKEY W. S. G.** at Trinity Church in Ruston gave a love offering for the translation of Bibles in Bolivia as a Christmas project. In January Guild Month was observed jointly with the Trinity Wesleyan Guild. The Guild hopes to have a study before the year is over. Sympathy is extended to Miss Mildred Walker, member of the Guild, in the loss of her mother recently.

**HOMER**—Guild sent a very valuable Christmas box to the Methodist Home in New Orleans for the babies. They also contributed \$5 to a local Sunday School class for needy work in the community. They reported a wonderful study course on "The Meaning of Suffering" taught by Miss Sue Hesley with a record of 92% rating for JR Credit. Miss Hesley will teach another JR Credit on "Latin America Speaks" beginning in March. One Guild program featured as church laymen, Mr. John Reynolds, who spoke to the Guild on "Christian Citizenship".



This good looking group of Guilders paused for a snapshot at the Louisiana Conference School of Missions, 1961. The picture was sent in by Mildred Kee of Park Avenue Guild, Shreveport.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

Sybil Kelly—Reporter

**TRINITY GUILD**—The Guild is busy working on a cookbook complete with ads. The profits from the sale of the cookbook will be put into the building fund. Miss Hazel Cooper, District Secretary, spoke at the evening Church service in January. Miss Cooper's topic was "Business Girls' Inn and What It Means". Everyone enjoyed this service.

**PARK AVENUE GUILD** has completed the study "Churches for New Times" and has received JR Credit. They will start soon on the Bible study "The Meaning of Suffering" which will also be for JR Credit.

**BROADMOOR GUILD**—During Guild Month the Guild met with the W. S. C. S., with the Guild members presenting the devotional "Tree of Life". Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Conference W. S. C. S. President, told about her trip to Oslo, Norway.

**SUMMER GROVE GUILD**—The W. S. C. S. and Guild enjoyed a covered-dish supper during Guild Month, which was greatly enjoyed in wonderful fellowship.

**WYNN MEMORIAL GUILD** is working with the W. S. C. S. on their joint Quiet Breakfast on Good Friday. Shares are being sold on the Youth Building. The Guild has purchased one share and plans to purchase three more shares before Easter.

**MANGUM—ALMA LEVINS UNIT**—is taking the Latin American Study at this time. **UNIT ONE**—January was a busy month getting ready for the District Banquet. The Guild members did the cooking and some W. S. C. S. members helped serve. In February we celebrated our 21st birthday with a covered-dish supper. Miss Mary Bobbitt, social worker at the Confederate Memorial Hospital, was guest speaker. One Guild project is to send Miss Bobbitt an offering each month to be used in helping the needy at the Hospital. Unit One purchased 144 dessert dishes for the kitchen. An electric pole light has been purchased for the church. The men of the church will install the light. The Guild recently joined the 1000 Club. We are now working on a JR Study.

### DISTRICT NEWS

January 19th was cold outside but warm inside the new Educational Building of Mangum Church. This was the scene of the Shreveport District Guild Annual Banquet. About 90 brave souls braved the elements to attend. Rev. John Kilpatrick, host pastor, entertained the group with musical numbers. Dr. D. L. Dykes of First Church spoke on "What's Right With the Church".

The Spring Conference will be held in April, time and place to be announced.

**NOEL GUILD**—Martha Nicholson, Reporter. The Noel Guild observed Guild Month in January by participating in two outstanding events. January 2nd we were guests of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at a joint meeting. Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Conference W. S. C. S. President showed slides made in Oslo, Norway, giving a vivid account of the highlights of her trip to the World

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## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

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Federation at Oslo. A reception followed in the Educational Building. January 19th Noel Guilders had the pleasure of attending the District Guild Banquet at Mangum with 14 members and 3 guests from our Guild. Miss Hazel Cooper, Shreveport District Secretary introduced the guests, Jurisdiction, Conference and District officers. Guilders and their guests, ministers and their wives were served a delightful dinner by the hosts, followed by an inspirational program and wonderful fellowship.

OTHER CONFERENCES ARE  
HEARD FROM!!

"THE LINK"—North Texas Conference. Mrs. Dayle Shepard, Sherman, Texas, Conference Secretary. Her conference is now publishing a 4-page Conference News. Congratulations!

"CEN-TEX"—Guild notes from the Central Texas Conference. Mrs. Savola Shackelford of Waxahachie, Texas, Conference Secretary. Good going!

A Mimeographed News Bulletin comes from Miss Margaret Langford, Conference Secretary of the Southwest Missouri Conference.

Our own LILLIAN GAINES writes from Tallahassee, Florida: "Greetings from Florida! I just want to say hello to all my friends there since Elizabeth has been nice enough to give me space. I also want to say that it was the Carrollton Guild in New Orleans who financed the newsletters from Vela the last year I sent it out. I appreciate the nice things Elizabeth said in Guild Times, but I do want to give credit where credit is due. We have just finished the study of "Churches for New Times" here and it was excellent. We have six circles to the Guild here and 130 members. Love, Lillian"

Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlin writes a "thank you" for Guild Times. She said she took Guild Times with her to the Central Illinois Conference Guild Weekend. "They have no such publication" says she!

## VELA CLEVELAND COLUMN

G. M. C. Hospital  
Anesthesia Department  
Vellore, North Arcot  
India

Dear Guilders:

For the past three months I have really been on the go and very busy in between. I am still in Vellore, and will probably be until May, with more experience in anesthesia. It seems to me that, from what I hear from Kolar, surgery is getting heavier all the time. For such a small hospital sometimes one case follows another almost around the clock. So I'm sure I will be kept plenty busy when I do get back to Kolar.

I'm sure everyone will want a late note about Susie—or now her short name is "Suri". On December 3rd she was baptized as Surekha Grace Desai. Her new parents are so very proud of her and Suri has found her way right into the hearts of the whole family. I hear that she is very partial to her Daddy. On March 16, her first birthday, I'm sure they will have a big celebration. I'm not sending a picture this time because our new Hospital Bulletin carries several pictures of her and her parents. These I hope to mail out within the next couple weeks.

On February 24 we had our Hospital Day at E. T. C. M. This is a big day with Bishop Subhan coming to dedicate our new Maternity Block. Dr. Shoemaker then gave an address which gave the history of our hospital and the succession of uses to which various buildings have been put during these past 52 years. Then with a large gold-plated key, furnished by the contractor, she officially opened our newest building. All through the new unit various exhibits had been prepared and placed by our nurses. I think the ideal diet prepared as visual exhibits, with the help of Kathleen Norris, our public health nurse, were perhaps the best of all. I am very happy to see how Mr. Ayappa had fixed up the new nursery. In the big viewing window was a beautiful shade of blue curtain. And the bassinets were all lined up with alternating pink and blue covered mattresses. It really made a very attractive nursery, even though no babies were on actual display that day.

We are all so very glad to be getting into this new building and we certainly look forward to more convenient and more efficient care for our new mothers and their babies.

I've been thinking about all of you and the State Conference in New Orleans—and remembering the one we had there while

I was still in New Orleans. I hope it will be a time of wonderful fellowship and spiritual renewal for you who attend and that you will have much to take back to those who were not able to attend.

Greetings to you, one and all, and Blessings on thee,  
Vela

## A PRAYER FOR THE DAY

## SLOW ME DOWN

Slow me down, oh Lord!

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me amidst the confusion of my day, the calmness of the everlasting hills.

Break the tension of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in memory.

Help me to know the magical restorative power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking minute vacations.

Of slowing down to look at a Flower, to chat with a Friend, to pet a Dog, and to read a few lines from a good Book.

Remind me each day of the fable of the hare and tortoise, that I may know that the race is not always to the swift; that there is more to life than increasing its speed.

Let me look upward into the branches of the towering trees, and know that they grow tall because they grow slowly and well.

Slow me down, oh Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values, that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny . . . Amen.

—Author Unknown

## YOU SHOULD TRY IT SOMETIMES!

One Guild president, as she retired from office, wrote a letter to the Guild in which she said, in part " . . . I cannot tell you how much this experience has meant to me. For one thing, in attending the various Guild functions I feel that I have absorbed much of the meaning and procedure of the Wesleyan Service Guild. And, never to be forgotten is the wonderful fellowship and acceptance of other Guild members. Actually, now that I have had a taste of the marvelous working of the Guild, I am eager to do more work and serve in whatever capacity needed. So, please accept my thanks for the opportunity of service. May each of you have the privilege you have given to me".

Your Guild Times Editor is happy to say that she will return again to Mt. Sequoyah in June to serve as editor of MOUNTAIN MINUTES, the daily news bulletin for the Guild Weekend (2 issues) and the School of Missions (4 issues). Miss Gail Howard of North Baton Rouge Guild, who served as my assistant last summer, has consented to a return engagement.

A report of the progress of Guild Times is being omitted in this issue, as those who attend the New Orleans Conference will receive a report in the packet.

BUT, please begin NOW to boost subscriptions to GUILD TIMES for 1962-63. Our 10th Anniversary should be marked with success, don't you think? We will need to increase our subscriptions, so that we can be self supporting. I love you—Guilders—but I could love you a little bit more IF you'd make me thoroughly happy with subscriptions galore.

Thanks for being so wonderful, anyway, and God bless you.

Elizabeth Langford  
Guild Times Editor

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## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND—CAMP BREWER

JULY 13 - 14 - 15



NEW CONFERENCE OFFICERS—(Standing) Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary; (Seated) Mrs. Thomas Guthrie, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Christian Social Relations Chairman and Miss Mildred Evans, Spiritual Life Chairman.

### THEME . . . "O SEND US FORTH"

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN—Mrs. Agnes Miller, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education.

Lafayette District in charge of Registration.

A full program has been planned for the weekend. To get the most out of the fellowship and free time, we suggest that you arrive Friday evening. Bring your own supper snack. The dining room opens with "coffee—Saturday morning".

FRIDAY EVENING—Slides and Singing (Dorothy Dunbar and Bee Sandefur in charge) Closing meditation in each cabin.

### SATURDAY, JULY 14

- 6:00 Rising Bell.
- 6:30 Coffee.
- 7:00 Morning Watch at Vesper Point Mrs. De Ello Simon, Leader.
- 7:30 Breakfast.
- 8:00 REGISTRATION BEGINS (Dining Porch)—Maree White and Marilyn Carter in charge.
- Executive Meeting of Guild Committee.
- LITERATURE ROOM—Mrs. Alice Orr and Grace Lawson.
- CRAFTS—Elizabeth Ann Carter in charge.

- 9:45 WORKSHOPS—  
Presidents—Emma Mainous, Minza Rabun.  
Vice Presidents—Louise Baldrige, Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy.  
Treasurers—Sue Batton, Mrs. Earl Gallaher.  
Promotion Secretaries—Marie Pace.  
Secretaries—Boots Guthrie, Marilyn Carter.
- 11:00 CLINICS on LINES OF WORK—  
Spiritual Life—Mildred Evans, Arline Tyler.  
Missionary Education—Agnes Miller, Martha Overbey.  
Christian Social Relations—Bee Sandefur, Ruth Cowell.  
Supply Work—Ruth Guthrie, Mary Lula Hutchinson.
- 12:00 Camp Picture.
- 12:15 Lunch.
- 1:00 Registration Continues.
- 1:45 FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY — Arline Tyler, presiding.  
Opening Meditation — Mrs. Alberta Samons.  
Recognitions, etc., etc.  
GUILD TIMES—Elizabeth Langford.
- 2:45 PRESENTATION OF TWO STUDIES—  
The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need—Arline Tyler.  
The Christian Mission on the Rim of East Asia—Agnes Miller.
- 3:20 COMMUNITY WORK—Martha Overbey.
- 3:45 DISTRICT MEETINGS
- 4:15 Free Time.
- 6:15 Supper.
- 7:00 VESPERS at Vesper Point—Mildred Kee.
- 7:45 SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
Worship in Song.  
PIANIST—Ruth K. Johnson.  
SONGLEADER—Ruth Curtis.  
SOCIAL WELFARE WORKER—  
Miss Alice Schindledecker  
MacDonell School  
Echoes from Assembly—Sue Batton.

- 8:45 Snacks and Fellowship.
- 9:15 CIRCLE OF PRAYER AND LOVE—Around the Pool—  
Fannie Burch.  
Return to cabins in silence.

### SUNDAY

- 6:00 Rising Bell.
- 6:30 Coffee.
- 6:45 QUIET WALK TO COMMUNION  
HOLY COMMUNION—Rev. Kenneth McDowell—Pineville Methodist Church.
- 7:30 Breakfast.
- 8:30 THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
PRESENTATION OF TWO STUDIES—  
Dimensions of Prayer—Mildred Evans.  
Today's Children for Tomorrow's World—Bee Sandefur.
- 9:20 BUSINESS MEETING.
- 10:30 Leisure Time.
- 11:00 MORNING WORSHIP—Mildred Evans, in charge.  
Invocation—Winnifred Gregory.  
MESSAGE—Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy.
- 12:00 Dinner.  
ADJOURN—Home again!



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

## GREETINGS TO LOUISIANA GUILDERS:

It is with humility that I pick up the pen of the Conference Secretary to write in this special space. I appreciate your expression of confidence. I covet your prayers and help. I pledge to you my interest and cooperation in the Guild responsibilities. TOGETHER we can make our every effort count for God's Kingdom.

Some of you are closing out a period of service in some capacity for the local, district, or conference—or perhaps a combination of these. You are to be commended and we are grateful to you.

Others of you are beginning a service in some capacity on one of these levels. May it demand the highest and best that you have to give; and may you find a rich and satisfying experience through such service.

To those of you who continue service in some capacity, may your vision be lifted to new heights and may you dare to do more for God through your service to mankind.

With the heritage of the service that past officers leave to us, and with the urgency of the present needs for our PRAYERS, our TALENTS, our SERVICE, and our GIFTS, let us united in heart and mind press forward during these next four years to the high calling of God through Christ Jesus through the media of the WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD.

Our current calendar flashes the dates, June 22, 23, 24: Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah. Hope to see many of you there. FLASH . . . July 13, 14, 15: Camp Brewer. Be sure to attend. FLASH . . . August 13-17: School of Missions at Centenary. A wonderful opportunity for leadership development.

The ink has flowed from the pen, but your prayers, cooperation, and work will refill it that I may come to you in our next issue of GUILD TIMES.

With blessings on you.

Love,  
Arline Tyler, Secretary

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

It would seem fitting that we begin a New Year in the life of our Wesleyan Service Guild with a prayer as we pause for a moment to take inventory:

"Breathe into our disordered lives a portion of thy peace. Reassure us of thy love as we face the uncertainties of tomorrow.

Undergird us with thy strength as we walk our feeble way.

Lighten our pathway with thy truth as we face difficult decisions.

Inspire us with thy presence and make us know we labor not alone."—Amen.

And, now let us ask, have we grown in all ways? Have we grown in love, in service, spiritually?

For those of you who are new Chairmen and those continuing as Chairmen, we pray that you will find joy and that you will be enriched and uplifted through responsible service in the Guild.

We hope that all of you are making plans for attending Guild Weekend. A wonderful program has been planned and its success will depend on your presence and participation.

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR CAMP BREWER WEEKEND

Your president will receive registration forms. Advance registrations must be sent in by July 5th. Send \$1.25 registration fee with each name, and pay \$4.75 upon arrival (Total—\$6.00). Send registrations to Miss Marilyn Carter, P. O. Box 150, New Iberia, La.

Bring your own sheets, pillow, towels, etc. Bring your bathing suit, camera and electric fan. If you have a large electric fan that can be used in the tabernacle, it will help to place fans at convenient locations.

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Agnes Miller, (Mrs. Austin), Conference Chairman

For the past two years packets of materials on Missionary Education have been distributed at Camp Brewer to be given to every Guild in the Conference. This year plans are under way to have the packets again. It is the sincere hope of those who prepare them that they may be of very real use to the local Guilds in their missionary studies. Please be sure to get yours from your District Chairman of Missionary Education.

The studies for the coming year promise to be most interesting and helpful. The topics are Prayer, The Rim of East Asia, Today's Children for Tomorrow's World, and The Church's Mission to People of Special Need. All through the year material on these studies will be available in the Methodist Woman and the World Outlook. Information about them will be included in the missionary packets at Brewer.

At the time this report was written, the final count of the JR studies for 1961-1962 was not complete. Reports were still coming in. All indications were that the final number would be slightly higher than last year when 75 credits were given. The complete report will be in the Brewer packet and in the September issue of Guild Times.

Let's set a goal for our Conference for the new year that every Guild have at least one study for Jurisdictional Credit. We could easily double the number of studies we have now if every Guild would do this.

## SUPPLY WORK

Ruth Guthrie, (Mrs. T. D.), Conference Chairman

Greetings to you NEW Chairmen of Supply Work, and thanks to you who are still carrying on the Supply Work in your district and local guild. As Chairman of Supply Work, yours is the high privilege and great responsibility to interpret to the members of your local Guild the need for gifts and materials for "Supply Work", and the blessings which such gifts bring—not only to those receiving but to those who give in loving gratitude to the Christ who gave His life for each of us.

There is a saying, that much good work is lost for the want of a little bit more. Methodist women work a little bit more by sending cash and materials for supplies, literally making it possible for our projects to continue to represent us as we serve.

Needs are greater and our "Cash Askings" have been greatly increased for the year. This means that each Guild member must do just a little bit more if we are to meet them. Study the types of work carried on in each location, and I am sure you will become more interested and willing to go "that last mile."

### "CASH ASKINGS" FOR 1962-1963

HOME: Wesley Foundation, La. Tech, Ruston, La. . . . . \$232.60  
Epworth Village, York, Nebraska . . . . . 1316.95  
FOREIGN: Colegio Piracicabano, Brazil . . . . . 309.00

Magazine and Picture Fund, \$2.00 per Guild each year.

Askings have been mailed to the District Chairmen of Supply Work for distribution and should be in the hands of each local chairman by now. If you have failed to receive them please notify me.

Remember to—fully meet the "Askings" assigned to you by your District Chairman of Supply Work before giving other cash for supplies. They are your responsibility and the assigned locations will go uncared for if you fail. SEND CASH ONLY.

NOTE: The smallest district in the conference with only five Guilds met their "Askings" and more this 4th quarter. DID YOU?

## OFF TO MT. SEQUOYAH

LOUISIANA WILL HAVE A WONDERFUL GROUP AT THE JURISDICTION GUILD WEEKEND, JUNE 22-24: THOSE REGISTERED TO GO INCLUDE:

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Mildred Kee, Mrs. Mattie Backer, Mrs. Margaret Martin, Mrs. James Beasley and Mrs. Hettie Rowe of Shreveport; Mrs. Vi Jackson, New Orleans; Miss Sue Baton, Minden; Mrs. Thomas Guthrie, Jr., Ruston; Mrs. Bee Sandefur and Mrs. Janice Richardson, Bunkie; Miss Bessie Fairley, Opelousas; Kay Pittard, Mrs. Minza Rabun and Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Sr., Bastrop; Miss Sara Wadsworth and Miss Gail Howard, Baton Rouge; Mrs. Marie Pace and Mrs. C. L. Pace, Alexandria; Miss Elizabeth Lowrey and Miss Jerry Beck, Mansfield; Mrs. Austin Miller and Miss Elizabeth Langford, Monroe; Mrs. Janie Phillips, Mer Rouge. Those who will remain for the School of Missions are Miss Tyler, Mrs. Sandefur, Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. Miller, Miss Langford and Miss Howard. Your editor, with the assistance of Gail Howard, will again edit the daily news bulletin "Mountain Minutes" for Guild Weekend and the School of Missions.



## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Ruth Cowell, (Mrs. E. T.) Retiring Chairman

"As I retire from the office of Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations, it is, as always, with mixed emotions. I love the work and have had such fine cooperation that I sort of hate to turn it over to new hands. But I know too, that I have not always been on time, nor have I given my best at all times. But I tried and I love you all for your loyal support.

"One thing I know—my successor is a fine person, a hard worker, and an interested member of the Guild. She was a fine District Secretary and has a background of years of work in the local Guild as well.

"I leave the work in the best hands I know and ask God's blessing and guidance upon Bee Sandefur as she takes the reins. She will do a good job.

"Give her your loyal support and you will have an outstanding Conference leader in Christian Social Relations!

"I have and do publicly now pledge her my support in any way I may be of Service. I love the Guild and will work hard to continue it's growth."

With love,  
Ruth Cowell

P. S.—See you all at Camp Brewer and you who go to Sequoyah—bring us back the richest of experiences."

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. A. (Bee) Sandefur, Conference Secretary

Being a new Chairman on Conference level, may I say thank you for electing me and ask your prayers that we may ever be more concerned for Christian Social Relations.

Language has a way of languishing unless it is continually energized by ideas. With CO-OPERATION let us achieve GO-OPERATION which activates a lending of hands with lively brain work thrown in.

The quadrennial Program on Race is now ready to move "in high" towards the General Conference of 1964 and beyond. Keeping this timing in clear focus, where and how can we exert our greatest effort.

What is the program? How can we seek to bring the life of the Church into harmony with the gospel? By recognizing that the Church is the house of God and thereby open to the whole family of God in its worship, fellowship, and membership.

Voting can be encouraged by house to house campaigns offering information and transportation. We, as working women must be aware of the many actions of our government.

Workshops can be held with law enforcement officers, merchants and other concerned groups in tension areas. Workshops on human relations can be held with local leaders and church people to express their support, such as prayers, letters and financial assistance.

How can we do it? I suggest you get a manual entitled "We Can & We Will" available at Literature Headquarters of the Women's Division. (price .75c)

Each day seems to bring a new international crisis. Although these crises may appear unrelated, each is related—(1) impatience for rapid economic revolution. A comment frequently made is "What contented them yesterday doesn't seem to interest them today". This is illustrated by the Latin American nations. (2) Security through military preparations—probably the most complicating factor in today's world is the means of destroying the world many times over. Methods of resolving disputes still vex the world.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Miss Marie Pace, District Secretary

PINEVILLE GUILD—At our Christmas party we awarded one of our members a Life Membership pin. We have completed three JR Studies this year. Seven of our members, including our new co-ordinator, attended the District Coaching Conference in Pollock, April 8th.

Our annual spring party for the installation of officers and pledge services was May 24th. All district officers were invited. Bee Sandefur, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations conducted the installation service.

Remember how proud our preachers are to be able to go to Annual Conference and report "Paid in full". Well, Pineville

Guild has "Paid in full" financially. But can any Christian pay in full spiritually for all the blessings we receive?

BUNKIE GUILD—Mrs. Martha Overbey, rural worker in the Alexandria District, met with the Bunkie Guild at their February meeting. She gave a very interesting report of her work. World Day of Prayer was observed March 9th. Mrs. Lola Couvillion, Spiritual Life Chairman, was in charge of the program. As a project, a mite box is being passed among the members. Names of members are typed on the box alphabetically and as each one receives a gift she places a donation in the box and passes it on to the next member. Money is to be used as needed.

Mrs. Barbara Wasson and Mrs. Bee Sandefur attended the Coaching Conference in Pollock April 8th. The W. S. C. S. and Guild are planning an installation service to be held jointly. At this meeting, Miss Sandra Goodell, President of MYF will be given a Youth Membership by the Guild.



Mrs. Sara  
Wadsworth  
New Baton  
Rouge District  
Secretary

We welcome Miss Sara Wadsworth of Bogalusa, Louisiana, as our new District Secretary of the Baton Rouge District.

Sara has been teaching in the Bogalusa School for the past 38 years.

Sara has been a Guild member for the past 8 years. She has served in almost all offices in Guild. She was President and local Chairman of Missionary Education and Service for 4 years. As chairman of Missionary Education the Bogalusa unit was specially blessed. Sara attended school of missions each year and steered her group through many interesting studies.

Sara served as District Chairman of Missionary Education for 4 years, completing her term last year. Here again she steered this phase of the District work along the path to a number of JR Credits as the district promoted a greater interest in the approved studies.

Baton Rouge District is fortunate to have a dedicated person like Sara at the helm for the years to come.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Emma P. Mainous, (Mrs. C. G.), District Secretary

The spring meeting of Baton Rouge District was held in Bogalusa on April 8th, with the two units as hostesses. There were some 63 members in attendance.

A warm welcome was given the group by the two presidents, Mrs. Maude Wesley, president of Unit one and Mrs. Audrey Smith, president of the Doris Crichlow unit.

Mrs. Emma Mainous, District Secretary, presided at the meeting and extended a special vote of thanks to Mrs. T. L. James, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Mrs. W. W. Hyde for their help and cooperation in the past years. Mrs. Mainous also recognized Mrs. Crichlow and expressed to her the thanks of the entire District for her interest and help in Guild, evidenced by the young women's unit bearing her name.

The theme chosen for the meeting was "Looking Backward, Thinking Forward". This was very vividly carried out when the

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## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

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outgoing Presidents were introduced and took their places in front of the chancel rail, giving the one thing they thought their units needed to be a better unit, and the new Presidents taking their places in a row in front of the outgoing presidents. Several of the Presidents are serving another term, in some cases a third term. They will have an opportunity to work on the thing needed most before passing their office on to someone else.

A memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Vesta Rownd for Mrs. Vera Chester. Vera had served as President of the Franklin-ton Unit, an office she held at the time of her death. She will be missed in the District and in her local unit. She was the sister of our District Superintendent Rev. Poole.

A most effective pledge service was conducted by Mrs. W. W. Hyde, District Treasurer. All participants wore choir robes and Mrs. T. L. James lighted the guiding light.

The new District officers were installed by Mrs. T. L. James, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Miss Edith Robinson Chairman of the nominating committee, presented the officers for installation and lighted the center candle. Officers are: Miss Sara Wadsworth, District Secretary, Miss Gail Howard, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Betty Denham, Spiritual Life Chairman; Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Supply Chairman; Mrs. Virgie Jenkins, member of the Honorariums committee and Mrs. Frances Lee Saint, of the District nominating committee.

Honorariums were presented to the outgoing District officers. Mrs. Emma Mainous was presented with an Honorary Life Membership with Mrs. Dean Causey making the presentation; Mrs. Maggie Wood was presented with a life membership with Miss Sara Wadsworth making the presentation; Mrs. Vesta Rownd received a life membership with Miss Pearl Himler making the presentation; Mrs. Mary Lula Hutchinson was presented with a life membership with Miss Doris Howes making the presentation.

Following the meeting a fellowship hour was enjoyed by the group.

I covet for Sara the joy of being a part of the Conference Committee and the delightful experience in store for her.



Mrs. Bessie  
Vernon  
Fairley  
New Lafayette  
District  
Secretary

Bessie Fairley was a charter member and first President of the New Iberia Guild; she is a past President of the Opelousas unit and is presently the local Chairman of Spiritual Life, having served as Treasurer for several years.

She is a member of the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church in Opelousas and serves as Church Librarian. She delivers the Home Quarterly and visits shut-ins; she is a substitute teacher in the Church School; she is Chairman of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns.

Mrs. Fairley earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Louisiana College and the Master of Arts degree at the University of Southwestern Louisiana. At present she is teaching Latin and Mathematics at Opelousas High School. There she is faculty sponsor of the Latin Club, the Mu Alpha Theta Chapter (honor mathematics

group), and the Future Teachers Association in the local school. She is state Chairman of the Junior Classification League, chairman of the St. Landry Parish Mathematics Teachers Association, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and is listed in the Volume V edition of "Leaders in American Science."

She was married to the late Morton C. Fairley of Moss Point, Mississippi, and has two sons. One is married and lives in Opelousas; he and his wife have five children. The other son is Associate Minister of Mangum Methodist Church in Shreveport.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. Bessie V. Fairley, District Secretary

Lafayette District's Guild year came to a glorious close with three wonderful events.

First, on Sunday, April 29, the Spring Meeting was held in Opelousas, with all five units represented with excellent attendance.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Martha Overbey of Hammond and Simmesport, who spoke on Service. Her message was especially meaningful in view of the fact that she, after retiring from teaching, volunteered for full time Christian Service. She is presently teaching migrant children in Hammond, but during most of the year does rural work in Louisiana under the Woman's Division. Her enthusiasm and energy were a lesson in themselves, pointing the way of Service that may be the answer to more than one Guild person's question: "What Shall I Do When I Retire?"

Officers' reports were excellent, showing that each unit and the district as a whole had been active and growing.

New officers for the next biennium were chosen: District Secretary, Mrs. Bessie Vernon Fairley, Opelousas; Recording Secretary, Miss Faye Dalton, Lafayette; Chairman, Spiritual Life, Miss Marilyn Carter, New Iberia; Chairman, Missionary Education, Mrs. Inza Curtis, Rayne; Chairman, Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Joyce Prejean, Lafayette; Chairman, Supply Work, Mrs. Edna Wattigny, New Iberia.

An impressive candle-light installation service was led by Mrs. P. D. Lambert of Crowley, WSCS District Secretary of Promotion.

Youth memberships were presented to Miss Dianne Kendall and to Miss Ann Burleigh, faithful workers in the Opelousas Church Library, by Mrs. Bessie Fairley, who is the church librarian.

At the close of the meeting, Miss Marilyn Carter, in behalf of the five Guild units in the district, presented the outgoing District Secretary, Miss Maree White, an Honorary Life Membership.

The second Wonderful Event in Lafayette District was the organization on May 1 of a new Guild unit at First Church in Crowley, with Mrs. Judy Jukes as the first President, and an initial membership of ten. The guiding hand in the setting up of this unit was Mrs. P. D. Lambert.

The third Wonderful Event was the institution of another Guild unit on May 17, this one at First Church in Houma. Their new President is Mrs. George Rose Hebert, a former Guild member, and their beginning membership is nine. We owe special thanks to Mrs. Carl Brunson, WSCS President at First Church, for the groundwork and guidance in the formation of this unit.

It is beautiful to see that wonderful spirit of fellowship and cooperation that exists in this district between the Woman's Society and the Guild. Because of this teamwork, we can joyfully report that there are now seven Guilds in Lafayette District, where formerly there were only five.

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## IN MEMORIAM

The mother of Miss Hermine Tate, Lafayette Guild.

The mother of Mrs. Catherine Kahn, Rayne Guild.

## MARILYNN CARTER WRITES

"My dear friends:

"The words Thank You seem inadequate when I try to express to you the deep appreciation and gratitude that I feel in my heart. It has been a wonderful privilege and spiritual blessing for me to have served as your Conference Recording Secretary and then presented an Honorary Life Membership in an organization as wonderful as the Wesleyan Service Guild.

"These four years have been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. For this experience, for your friendship, and for this honor, I thank you most sincerely. God bless you.

Marilynn Carter"





Miss Marilynn Carter, in behalf of Lafayette District, presenting an Honorary Life Membership to the outgoing District Secretary, Miss Maree White.



Laura Lynch  
New Lake  
Charles  
District  
Secretary

The new District Secretary of the Lake Charles District is Laura Lynch, a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church in Leesville.

She has served her Guild as President, Vice-President, Chairman of Missionary Education, and Treasurer. For the past three years she has served as District Supply Chairman.

At the present time she serves on the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, Commission on Missions, Pastoral Relations Committee and the Committee on Rolls and Records in the local Church.

Laura holds an A. B. degree from Northwestern State College and has done graduate work at Louisiana State University. She is a teacher in the sixth grade in the Leesville Schools. She is active in teacher organizations, Parent-Teacher Association, and Delta Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma of which she was a charter member.

Her address is 100 West North Street, Leesville, Louisiana.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

### Grace M. Lawson, District Secretary

Mrs. Robert Gunter, a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Simpson Methodist Church, was a guest speaker at the Spring Meeting of the Lake Charles District Wesleyan Service Guilds. Mrs. Gunter's inspiring and thought provoking talk developed the theme "Prayer and a Right Relationship to God".

The Lena Sweeney unit of University Church under the leadership of Mrs. Alberta Salmons was hostess for the meeting which was held at University Church, Lake Charles on Sunday afternoon, April 30.

Mrs. Bessie Gibson of University Church served as accompanist during the worship period and Mrs. Rosa McCullough, outgoing chairman of Spiritual Life, led the meditation using Prayer as her theme also. Soloist for the occasion was Mrs. Maxine Gordon of University Church.

Miss Grace Lawson presided during the business session. Mrs. Jack Gregory president of the Julia Reid unit of First Methodist Church presented the report of the nominating committee and the following slate of officers were elected:

District Secretary — Miss Laura Lynch, Leesville; Recording Secretary—Mrs. H. M. (Nell) Hall, Leesville; the following Chairmen—Spiritual Life Cultivation—Mrs. Charles Salmons, Lake Charles; Supply Work—Miss Velma Lee Hair, Kaplan; W. S. C. S. Representatives—Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sulphur and Mrs. Ida Hardee, Gueydon; Committee on Nominations: Miss

Grace Lawson, Welsh; Mrs. Ray Cooley, DeQuency and Mrs. Eva Stocking, Welsh.

At the close of the business session the new officers were installed, with Mrs. W. W. Paxton of First Methodist Church serving as installing officer and challenging the officers and members to attempt great things for our Master during the new year.

Miss Lynch, new District Secretary, spoke briefly following her installation.

An informal fellowship hour followed in the fellowship hall of University Church. Forty-one persons attended, representing eight of our fourteen units.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Zella Cotton (Mrs. W. A.), District Secretary

Monroe District held its annual conference in Rayville, April 29th. Sixty-nine members, representing 12 of the 16 Guilds were registered.

The following officers were elected: District Secretary of Promotion: Mrs. M. W. (Janie) Phillips, Mer Rouge; Christian Social Relations Chairman: Mrs. Mary Lou Vail, Gordon Ave., Monroe; Supply Chairman: Mrs. L. A. Wilkins, Tallulah; Recording Secretary: Mrs. Doris Neal, Mer Rouge; Nominating Committee: Mrs. J. B. Thompson, Rayville; Miss Maxine Hold, Tallulah; Mrs. W. D. Baker, Lake Providence; W. S. C. S. Members at large: Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Monroe and Mrs. Malcolm Mason, Monroe.

The officers, together with the officers elected last year, were installed by Miss Elizabeth Langford in a beautiful service.

The question and answer period "Tell Me, Doctor" was very well received. Our staff of doctors were: Mrs. A. H. Harper, Collinston, District President W. S. C. S.; Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Bastrop, Conference Supply Chairman; Mrs. Austin Miller, Monroe, Conference Missionary Education Chairman and Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop, District Supply Chairman. These "doctors" tried to cure the ills of the "patients" who were the presidents of the local Guilds. We all felt we had gained a great deal of help in the cures the doctors prescribed.

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Co-ordinator of the Elizabeth Langford Guild, Monroe, closed our meeting with an inspiring meditation.

During the social hour the Rayville Guild invited the guests into the fellowship hall where delightful refreshments were served from an attractive table centered with an arrangement of flowers in Guild colors of blue and yellow. The posters made by each Guild were on display. Each poster told the story of the year's

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## MONROE DISTRICT

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work for that Guild in an impressive and original manner. It was decided to display them at Camp Brewer in July.

Monroe District thoroughly enjoys going to Rayville. Their beautiful sanctuary provides a wonderful place for worship and their spacious rooms in the educational building are more than adequate for district meetings. And of course Rayville Guilders "know how to host a group".

Five Monroe District Guilders will go to Mt. Sequoyah in June. They will be listed elsewhere in Guild Times.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be your District Secretary and I wish to thank each and everyone of you for giving me this honor. Everyone has been most cooperative. The attendance and enthusiasm at all District meetings has been most inspiring. It is my sincere prayer that Monroe District will continue to grow, spiritually and in numbers. Your new secretary, Janie Phillips, is a very capable and devoted Guider and I wish her and the District every success.



Mrs. Janie H.  
Phillips  
New Monroe  
District  
Secretary

Monroe District is proud to introduce to the Conference Janie Phillips of Mer Rouge and, under her leadership, look forward to a busy schedule in the years ahead. Janie comes from that delightful little Guild in Mer Rouge that seems to do everything in a "100% fashion".

A native of Arkansas, Janie came with her husband (now deceased) and son to Louisiana in 1951. She taught English for a number of years and is now librarian in Bastrop Senior High School. She earned her B. S. Degree at Arkansas State Teachers College and her Masters at George Peabody College, in Nashville, Tennessee. Janie is a member of the National Teachers Association, Louisiana Teachers Association, Morehouse Parish Teachers Association, State and Local Classroom Teachers, National American Library Association and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She co-sponsored the annual Mu Sigma Honor Society Tour of Washington, D. C. and New York in 1960 and was head sponsor of the same tour in 1961. She served as Past President of Alpha Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Janie is a member of the Mer Rouge Methodist Church where she is most active in the program of the church. She is a member of the choir; President of the Adult Sunday School Class and Past President of her Wesleyan Service Guild.

Janie's elder son, Millard, Jr., lives in Oklahoma City. The other son, Dan is stationed at Amarillo Air Force Base in Texas. The two sons have made Janie the proud grandmother of three.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Louise (Mrs. M. C.) Baldrige, District Secretary

PARKER MEMORIAL—Mildred Thorpe, Reporter: This last spring the Guild has furnished some of the tools, requested by the District, to the Workshop for the Home of Retarded Boys. This has been a District Project. A street sign "Parker Memorial Methodist Church", has been purchased by the Guild and has been placed

on the corner of St. Charles and Nashville Streets. We are hoping maybe we'll get some new Guilders from this project.

CARROLLTON—Vi Jackson, Reporter: Our Guild will install its new officers on May 27th, 1962. At our April meeting a Life Membership was presented to Louisa Knappe. We have just completed the study of "Meaning of Suffering" with 15 members qualifying. For our action we gave money to the Charity Hospital Welfare Fund. We recently gave a bridal "Shower" for our youngest member of the Guild, Katherine Caferio. We also for the past year raised our full budget, meeting all of our obligations.

REDEEMER—Mary Tayler, Reporter: On April 27th members of the Guild held our meeting at the home of Mrs. Ella Palminano, at which time we enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner.

MUNHOLLAND—Jean Madox, Reporter: At our April meeting we elected officers to be installed at the morning church services May 27th by Rev. Townsend. We have "adopted" an elderly lady at the St. Anna Home for the Aged and visit her with small personal gifts or just to talk to her. We recently completed the study "Meaning of Suffering" with 5 members attending.

RAYNE MEMORIAL—Mona S. Hayes, Reporter: Our Guild recently joined with the Carrollton Ave. Guild and completed the study "The Meaning of Suffering". We ended our Guild Year this month with all our obligations met and a balance of \$131.70 over and above our Pledge to Missions. We are planning a Finance Committee Meeting to distribute these funds to further Missions. New Officers for the coming year have been installed at a very impressive service with Mrs. Irene Young, President of the WSCS as Installing Officer.

SECOND—Mildred Evans, Reporter: The Wesleyan Service Guild and Woman's Society of Christian Service of Second Methodist Church are clothing sponsors for one of the children in the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston, Louisiana. At Easter, special gifts were sent to the little girl by the Guild.

Members of the Guild are presently engaged in studying "The Meaning of Suffering" by Ralph W. Sockman, under the leadership of Mildred Evans. They are meeting at the home of Mrs. A. J. Haas.

A Special Membership has been purchased to be presented to Miss Emma Wendt. Miss Wendt has been active in the Guild since its organization at Second Church. She has been a loyal, faithful worker at Second Church for many years. Miss Wendt has been ill, but we rejoice that she is recovering and will be able to, again, attend our meetings.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Haas on the death of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. J. (Elsie) Haas, Jr., recently.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT W. S. G.

"Skip" Brown, Reporter

The "World Day of Prayer" meeting held March 9th at St. Lukes Methodist church was a great success. The audience was an interdenominational group represented by different denominations of the protestant churches and the talk made by Mrs. Guy Hicks was well received. A good attendance was had.

The "Officers Training Day" was held May 20th.

The entire district is looking eagerly forward to Camp Brewer Weekend on July 14-16th.

A new Guild called the St. Bernard Wesleyan Service Guild was organized on May 1st, with Mrs. Pauline Calburn as President. It was the pleasure of Mrs. Louise Baldrige to organize this Guild and we hope to have two more new Guilds in the district soon. Louise also installed the officers for the St. Bernard Guild on May 15th.

The eleventh annual meeting of the New Orleans District was held April 25, 1962 at the Carrollton Methodist Church. At this meeting the following district officers were elected:

Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Beverly Biehler; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Lester Beard; Spiritual Life, Mrs. DeEllo Simon; Supply Work, Mrs. Lucile Wells; Literature and Publications, Miss Margaret McGowan.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Mrs. Thomas (Boots) Guthrie, Reporting

News comes from the Ruston District of a beautiful and impressive Memorial Service honoring Adele Nugent, former District Secretary, whose untimely death has left a great void in the leadership of Guild work in that district. Miss Sue Batton conducted the service, laying a white Wreath on the altar in Adele's memory.

The service was conducted Sunday, June 3rd, in connection

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## RUSTON DISTRICT

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with the District Spring Meeting in Arcadia. Six Guilds of the District were represented.

Miss Sue Batton was elected to serve one year as District Secretary. Sue was District Secretary before she took on the larger task of Conference Secretary, and we know she will enjoy returning to "her own", even for one year. Other officers elected were Miss Polly Casse, Spiritual Life Chairman; Miss Sue Hefley, Missenary Education Chairman; Miss Merry Dean Patterson, Supply Chairman; Mrs. Boots Guthrie, Christian Social Relations Chairman and Miss Norma Day, Recording Secretary.



Jerry Beck  
New  
Shreveport  
District  
Secretary

Though relatively new to the Guild, Jerry has a wide background of church work and activities. She has been a Sunday School teacher in both the Primary and Junior High Departments of First Methodist Church in Mansfield and has just completed her third year as director of the Junior Choir. She also serves as a chancel choir member. Twenty-five members of her local Guild unit have applied for JR credit in the study she conducted on "The Meaning of Suffering." She has also been in charge of a churchwide study of our medical mission work in Africa.

In 1961, during the Every Member Visitation Program, Jerry served as Chairman of Materials, Education and Publicity. She was recently awarded a special membership pin and certificate in recognition of her devotion and the stewardship of her time and talents.

While attending Louisiana Tech during 1952-1956, Jerry was a member of the college choir and women's glee club, Future Teachers of America, Blue Jackets, Alpha Tau Delta, Health and Physical Education Professional Club and Women's Recreation Association. She was also freshman advisor, historian of Sigma Tau Delta, song leader, treasurer, vice president and convention delegate of Kappa Delta Sorority, president of Aswell Hall, president of Associated Women Students, and a member of the Alumni News editorial staff. She served as a member of the Honor Court, was awarded a Phi Kappa Phi Key, received the Outstanding Sophomore Woman's Award and was selected for Who's Who among Students in American Colleges and Universities during her junior and senior years. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in English and education and was cited with departmental honors in both her major fields as well as cum laude general honors. Afterwards, she attended graduate school at Louisiana State University.

Jerry's first employment was with Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation, where she served in the public relations department as assistant editor of "The Texas Eastern News" their employees' monthly newspaper and "The Inch", their stockholders' quarterly magazine. After two and one-half years she resigned to take up social work at home in Mansfield. At her local office, she serves as permanent social chairman and she also holds the position of regional first vice president of the Louisiana Conference of Social Workers.

Jerry's parents are Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Carter of Mansfield. She has one married sister, three nieces and nephews, who reside at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Hazel Cooper, District Secretary

Sybil Kelly—Reporter

The Spring Meeting of Shreveport District was held in First Methodist Church of Logansport, Sunday afternoon, April 1st. The attendance was splendid. Guests were District and Conference officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the wives of ministers.

The theme of the afternoon, "His Mission Unites Us", was developed through the reports of the officers and the address of the afternoon. The secretary reported on highlights of the Annual Guild Weekend in New Orleans. A financial report for the three quarters indicated satisfactory meeting of all obligations. The District voted to send an additional gift to Missions in memory of Adele Nugent, who was for many years a member of Shreveport District Guild.

The following officers were elected:

District Secretary—Miss Jerry Beck, Mansfield; Recording Secretary—Mrs. Frances Bennett, Logansport; Chairman Missionary Education—Mrs. Walter Pattillo, Houghton; Chairman Christian Social Relations—Mrs. Turner Jones, Coushatta; Supply Chairman—Miss Hazel Cooper, Shreveport; Chairman Nominating Committee—Miss Sybil Kelly, Shreveport.

At the close of the business meeting Miss Arline Tyler presented the retiring District Secretary an Honorary Membership pin on behalf of the District.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, retiring President of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service gave an inspiring message and concluded the service with a beautiful and meaningful candlelight installation of the new officers and rededication of the officers now serving.

Following the meeting Logansport Guild entertained at a lovely social hour in the Church social rooms.

Sybil Kelly, news reporter sailed for a European tour in June and will return home "in time for school to start". Before sailing she sent in the following Guild news:

FIRST METHODIST—Rev. Hearne and Rev. Bailey concluded the Guild study "The Meaning of Suffering".

ERODMOOR—At the Pledge Service, Mrs. Wm. J. Gillespie, newly elected Spiritual Life Chairman, had charge of the program. Mrs. Clyde Stallcup (W. S. C. S.) installed the newly elected officers.

NOEL—The Noel Guild will receive JR Credit for the study on Latin America, capably led by Mrs. Charlotte Carstarphen.

MORNINGSIDE—The Morningside unit presented a life membership to Mrs. Don Chandler. An outdoor garden meeting at the home of Mrs. L. F. Rembert was the scene of the Pledge Service. Rev. Drake installed the officers of the W. S. C. S. and Guild at the morning service.

TRINITY—This unit has completed work on their cookbook. Proceeds will be used for the building fund and for mission work. The Guild has furnished refreshments for the Friday night social activities at the church.

HAUGHTON—At the recent installation service Mrs. G. W. Smith installed her daughter, Mrs. John Garland, Jr., as president. Mrs. Walter Pattillo will be a delegate to Mt. Sequoyah. She is the new District chairman of Missionary Education. Do you need a new way to make money? If so, contact Mrs. Pattillo for one of her cute calendars. The unit has raised about \$50 and has re-decorated the bathroom in the parsonage.

WYNN—Good Friday morning 80 members of the W. S. C. S. and Guild met for their annual Quiet Breakfast. The \$30 offering was given to the youth building fund. The two groups had a joint study on "The Meaning of Suffering". The out-growth project was money sent to the Lydia Patterson Home in El Paso.

MANGUM—UNIT 1—This unit, with the Alma Levins Unit and the W. S. C. S. sponsored a bake sale in connection with a spaghetti supper. About \$70 was raised which will be used for curtains and dishes for the kitchen. Used clothing was collected to be used by the social workers at the Confederate Hospital.

MANGUM—ALMA LEVINS UNIT has sent in their final payment to the \$1000 Club.

PARK AVENUE—The W. S. C. S. and Guild sponsored the Annual Quiet Breakfast on Good Friday. The entire church was invited and a good group attended. The love offering was used for a memorial special membership for Mr. Frank M. Watts, Sr. JR Credit will be received for the Latin American study. A special membership will be presented to Mr. Thomas H. Rowe for his outstanding work in the church. A Mother-Daughter Banquet was sponsored on Mother's Day. Six Guilders plan on going to Mt. Sequoyah Guild Weekend.



NOTE: Two pictures planned for this issue had to be pulled to allow space for the copy we are giving you. Your editor also received articles that could not be used because the material reached my desk after the deadline.

It is best that you send your articles to your district secretary and let her include them in her report on your district. An alert district secretary will get her district news in before the deadline each quarter.

These pictures and articles will appear in the September issue.

## VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

June 4, 1962  
Kolar

Dear Guilders and Friends:

Here I am back in Kolar again, having returned on the 31st of May. And, I have been as busy as can be with all sorts of things since I walked in the Bungalow, including anesthesia cases. It's good to be back in my own place again, although I did thoroughly enjoy my stay and work while I was in Vellore.

I'm sorry I'm late in getting my last general letter and Hospital Booklet to some of you. Most of these I got out during April while I spent a couple of weeks in the hospital but part of them I've been too busy to finish getting into the mail until now. I hope you will enjoy them just the same when you do get them. I entered the hospital in April for a routine, but thorough physical check-up. However, while I was in the hospital some medication I took irritated my stomach so severely I developed a very painful gastritis. I just knew I had a big ulcer but with gallons of milk and a couple of weeks in bed it cleared up completely. Now I'm o. k., except for a hpoactive thyroid which I've had for a long time.



May I introduce you to three of my friends? These men are our faithful hospital drivers. On the left is Venkataram, or Chica Venkataram. Appadorai is in the middle, and Venkataram, or Big Venkataram, is on the right. Chica Venkataram came to us about 20 years ago as a messenger boy, so small he could hardly see over the counter in the office. Later he became table boy in the Bungalow doing butler work. After this he became one of the drivers which is his present job. Appadorai came to Kolar about 26 years ago with a retired missionary couple as their driver. He continued to be their driver until their death about 4 years later. From that time on he has been our Number 1 ambulance driver. Chica Venkataram is the driver of our second ambulance. Big Venkataram came to us about 32 years ago, also as a very small messenger boy. His father was one of the gardeners and as Venkataram grew up he began to help his father. Then he became a ward-boy. One story about him at this time is that when a smallpox patient was admitted to the hospital Venkataram volunteered to stay in isolation with the patient and care for him through his illness, which he did. After this period of being ward-boy, he again worked with his father for a time and then became one of the drivers. Big Veenkataram drives our big Chevrolet van which makes all sorts of trips. This is the car that goes to Bangalore when we have to go for business, supplies, meetings when many folks have to go, sometimes it goes to Vellore as an ambulance, etc. It is Big Venkataram who is the driver for our little car, also, when Dr. Esther goes somewhere and I don't go along. He takes as much pride in keeping our little car in condition and looking

good as he does in keeping the big car in condition. All three of our drivers, in fact, take a keen interest in our little car and are always helpful in giving it an overhaul. Both of the Venkatarams are Hindu and Appadorai is a Roman Catholic. You will remember the picture of the boy on crutches in the Hospital Booklet this year, the one with tuberculosis of the hip who received 12 months' treatment by help of M. C. O. R. Funds. This is one of Big Venkataram's sons.

I would like to tell you one incident that happened during surgery one day during my time in Vellore. We were doing the type of hand-restoration surgery that restores the leprosy patient's claw hand into a useful hand so that the patient is able thereafter to do a job and take care of himself. Three surgeons were working over the hand and I was busy taking care of the patient and giving injections in the other arm. Suddenly I realized that the low soft talking going on was so continuous it must be some telling of a story rather than conversation. Then, as I listened, I heard the surgeon telling one Bible story after another to the two who were assisting. After a story there would be some questions and discussion and then another story. The amazing thing to me was that this was a Hindu doing the telling. I have since learned that he is a very ardent student of the Bible and, I believe, within the past few weeks has received Christian baptism. I have heard many conversations and many stories in the operating room but I believe I have not heard the surgeon seriously quoting the Bible and seriously telling Bible stories before.

Well, Guild Weekend will be coming very soon although I don't know the date. I will be thinking about all of you there and thinking that maybe I will be with you in two years. It hardly seems possible, in many ways, that my furlough will be due by then, but time does pass along quickly. And for those of you who go to the School of Missions, may it be a time for renewal of your spirits and of blessing for all of you, as well as Guild Weekend.

Blessings on thee all,  
Vela

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And I must say again "Thank you!" to every one of you for your fine cooperation in helping me as your editor. This is YOUR Guild news. Through its pages we come to know each other better, to see beyond the local unit to our wonderful conference program and through our reports we gain knowledge of a great Wesleyan Service Guild organization in "united service, enriching and beautifying our lives" as we work together in His name.

God bless you everyone,  
ELIZABETH LANGFORD  
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## Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend, Camp Brewer

Your editor is bringing you this edition of GUILD TIMES with reports on our 16th ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND told mostly through pictures . . . expensive? Yes . . . but expedient and, oh, how nice!

The group picture does not show all of the 173 who attended, but those seated just below the mound where stands the lighted cross are a goodly group—most of the Guilders who made up the largest attendance ever registered, and from the following districts: Alexandria—24, Baton Rouge—25, Lafayette—11, Lake Charles—27, Monroe—25, New Orleans—36, Ruston—7 and Shreveport—18.

Because of the serious illness of my sister, Frances, I have had the kind assistance of Agnes Miller in assembling the material for this issue. May I thank you, here, for the wonderful letters, cards and telegrams. They have lifted me closer to our Heavenly Father and my family has been blessed by your solicitude and concern. Continue to remember us in your prayers.

This is also an opportune time for me to attempt to express my deep appreciation to every Guilder in Louisiana for the great honor you conferred on me by presenting me with the Honorary Life Membership at Camp Brewer. I love to imagine what that "more than \$100" is going to do in my name as it wings its way to missionaries "in the uttermost parts of the earth". Some-

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The Courtesy Committee is conscious of the fact that planning and expediting a successful Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer requires many months preparation.

Because we have had evidence on every hand of both skilled preparation and dedicated hours of planning we express our deepest gratitude to the program chairman, Mrs. Agnes Miller and her committee for the program that challenged us with the theme, "O Send Us Forth", in this Sixteenth Annual Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer.

The Registration and Housing committee, Marilyn Carter and Maree White, assisted by Elizabeth Ann Carter amazed us with their ability to successfully house a "bumper crop" of Guilders in limited housing.

We do appreciate the co-operation of every Guilder who provided chairs, cots, electric fans, and other conveniences which added to our comfort.

We thank the Alexandria District for the much needed bulletin boards, and many, many thanks to Dorothy Dunbar for handling the speaking system.

Mildred Evans, chairman of Spiritual Life, enlisted the capable assistance of her Spiritual Life committee in bringing to us moments of Worship at Vesper Point and in the Tabernacle. They added a note of reverence with the prepared words of Grace at each meal and Meditations from the "Prayer Calendar" for each cabin. With deep appreciation we extend thanks to the committee for the inspiring "Worship Settings" and to Fannie Birch for the Circle of Prayer and Love around the pool.

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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND—CAMP BREWER

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# The SECRETARY'S Pen

## GREETINGS:

As we begin the new program year, may we be CALLED to action on new frontiers of study and service; CONFRONTED with the issues of today, may we face them with courage; and may we be COMPELLED to exercise our faith in God and our fellowman anew!

What a summer filled to overflowing with enriching experiences of training, study, worship, and fellowship. The Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and School of Missions were most profitable. Our own Conference Guild Weekend was a heart warming experience. Thanks for your gracious acceptance of the physical inconveniences and crowded conditions; for your cooperation and participation in every phase of the program. Our Conference School of Missions hit an all time high in many ways. The attendance and participation in the Guild Clinic were most commendable. Thank you!

We are looking forward to our Coaching Conference for Conference and District officers at Camp Brewer on September 15 and 16. District Secretaries, work toward having every district officer present.

Our plans for the spring meeting are in the embryo stage now. You will hear more about this in the next issue.

We welcome Mrs. George Thomas of Lafayette to our Conference Guild Committee as a member at large.

**PROMOTION SECRETARY**—be sure to report to the local Woman's Society and to the district and conference Guild secretaries by November 10, 1962. Check carefully your figures on membership. BE PROMPT! If you have not received your report books please check with your district secretary.

Will you accept this goal for the new year? **EVERY DISTRICT SHOW AN INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP AND NUMBER OF UNITS.** Reach the unreached! Involve the employed woman in the missionary enterprise.

May a shower of God's richest blessings fall upon each of you.

Sincerely,  
Arline Tyler

## YE EDITOR GETS PINNED

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how I know it will be thrice blessed . . . blessed by you who gave it . . . by those who will invest it in the lives of God's children . . . and most of all, bless the lives of those who receive from your bounty. God bless you, for I love you—every one! I shall wear my pin in honor and in humility. Truthfully, I'm not looking at the camera for there were tears in my eyes.

Your editor,

## CONFERENCE CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 15-16—Coaching Conference—Camp Brewer.

OCTOBER—District Coaching Conferences.

OCTOBER 24—United Nations Day.

OCTOBER 25-31—Week of Prayer and Self Denial.

JANUARY, 1963—Guild Month.

MARCH 16-17—Annual Spring Meeting—First Church, Monroe.

APRIL—Local Units elect officers—Send in officer list on form.

JUNE 21-23—Jurisdiction Guild Weekend—Mt. Sequoyah.

JUNE 24-29—Jurisdiction School of Mission—Mt. Sequoyah.

JULY 12-14—Conference Guild Weekend—Camp Brewer.

AUGUST 5-6—Conference School of Missions—Centenary College—Shreveport.

Treasurer's report to local Woman's Society due July 20, October 20, January 20 and April 20.

Promotion Secretary's Report sent to Local Woman's Society, District and Conference Guild Secretaries in November and May.

Guild members are concerned and anxious about Cecelia Coulter, Unit One, First Church, Monroe, whose continued illness has been reported. Cecelia is the mother of Miss Nelle Coulter who is on a fellowship at Tulane from MacDonell School, where she is training as a Welfare Case Worker under the Board of Missions. Nelle will not return to Tulane this semester, as she is remaining with her mother just now. Where possible in the Monroe area we suggest that you invite Nelle to tell of her short-term training at Scarritt and her work at MacDonell School.

MRS. G. W.

DAMERON,

CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT



I am grateful to Guild Times for giving me this opportunity to greet the members of the 114 Guild units in the Louisiana Conference. It has been a happy and rewarding experience to be associated with Guild groups from our own conference and other conferences during the months since I became your conference president.

The Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah offered an exceptionally fine program. All of us present from Louisiana felt justifiably proud of the dual responsibilities, as Conference Secretary and Jurisdiction Chairman of Spiritual Life, which Miss Arline Tyler carried so well. The presentation on Today's Children for Tomorrow's World, written and directed by the Conference Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Austin Miller, was so outstanding that Mrs. Miller was requested to prepare copies of the script for sale to the delegates.

Then, your own Guild Times Editor, Miss Elizabeth Langford, assisted by Miss Gail Howard, was the editor for the Jurisdiction paper, Mountain Minutes, both for the Guild Weekend and for the School of Missions. So, you know it was a good paper!

I had the privilege of teaching in the Missouri West Conference Guild Weekend School of Missions. This is the only conference in our Jurisdiction which has a weekend school which meets Board of Education standards and is an accredited school. I was inspired by the quality of work done in this short-term school.

Last spring when I attended all the Annual District Meetings of the Woman's Society, I found that, wherever it was possible, Guild representatives were present, and some of the District Secretaries were planning to carry the Leadership Development emphasis into their District Guild Meetings. Following the School of Missions, which has just closed, it is my hope that both the Guild and the Woman's Society can adopt the ideas of Leadership Development related to Program Planning and Recruitment to our local groups in a meaningful and challenging way.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Coaching Conference at Camp Brewer, September 15 and 16.

I rejoice in the "togetherness" of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society as we work at the great common task of knowing Jesus, and making Him known, as the Lord of Life.

"Coming together is an inspiring word;

Keeping together is progress;

Thinking together is unity;

Working together is success."

Mrs. G. W. (Estelle) Dameron

## SUPPLY WORK

Ruth Guthrie, (Mrs. T. D.), Conference Chairman

Do you know—what Supply Work is? Do you know—the purpose of Supply Work?

Do you know—where and for what purpose your "CASH" for Supply Work is used?

Do you know why cash is given instead of Supply materials?

Well, if you, Madam Guild Member, do not know the answers to the above questions, you should have gone to Camp Brewer Guild Weekend. These and many, many more questions were

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## WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

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To Grace Lawson, Alice Orr and Evelyn Chaney who so efficiently arranged and conducted the sale of Literature we owe a special thanks.

To Bee Sandefur, Dorothy Dunbar and Boots Guthrie for the slides and films shown on Friday evening;

To the Song leader, Alice Curtis, assisted by Mrs. Frank Hayden and others, our Worship in song and music;

To our District Secretaries and Chairmen of Lines of Work and members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service who conducted the Workshops and Clinics.

To Bee Sandefur, Agnes Miller and Arline Tyler for the varied and original ways in which they presented the approved Mission Studies we express our warmest appreciation.

Our guest, Miss Alice Schindeldecker was truly a precious bundle in a small package as she acquainted us with the work at McDonell School.

Martha Overbey's enthusiasm revealed to us what a retired Guildler can do in further Christian Service.

Our successful Weekend was further enriched by the presence of so many young Guild women and some M. Y. F. girls who assisted in many phases of our program.

To Elizabeth Langford, our Guild Times Editor; we pledged our fullest co-operation in securing 800 subscriptions in observance of the Tenth Anniversay of Guild Times.

We are indeed proud of the efficient way in which our new Conference Secretary, Arline Tyler has assumed the leadership of our Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. McArthur have been most patient and co-operative in the management of the camp and in serving deliciously prepared meals.

We thank Sue Batton for bringing us the Highlights of the National Assembly of Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild which was held in Atlantic City.

The Sunday Morning Meditation and Communion Service conducted by Rev. Kenneth McDowell very fittingly prepared us for the Sabbath Day.

We look forward to our closing Worship Hour when Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy will truly "SEND US FORTH" on our homeward journey with the realization of the trust placed in us by Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted:  
Ruth Guthrie  
Winifred Gregory  
Elizabeth Langford

O SEND US FORTH  
"Oh Send Us Forth" . . .  
Four one-syllable words—  
What a message they held  
What a challenge unfurled!  
We went to Brewer  
As we have every year  
For our annual weekend  
Which we hold dear.  
For it gives to us  
Great strength for the days  
And teaches us how  
To improve our ways.  
So, again this year  
Of nineteen-sixty-two  
A record breakin' crowd  
Learned what to do.  
We were SENT FORTH  
With the Spirit of Him  
Whose life we will follow  
Nor let it grow dim.  
And in ev'ry Guild  
We will say a prayer  
For what we received  
While we were there.  
Some did not come!  
But in the year 'sixty-three  
We'll tell you again  
Where "you ought to be!"

—Ye Editor

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Hartwell—the brother of Miss Olive Hartwell, Rayne Guild.  
Bruce Gaumitz—the grandson of Mrs. Manfred Gustafson, Tallulah Guild. Bruce met his death in a tragic accidental death on August 11th.

MUNHOLLAND UNIT ARRANGES WORSHIP  
SETTING

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

Many of you who were at Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer and heard the meditation given by Dorothy Blanchard of the New Orleans District at the morning watch service at Vesper Point asked for it to be repeated. For your benefit, and for the enrichment of those who were not there, Dorothy sent a copy to be carried in this column.

## "BLESSED IS THE WORKER"

Scripture—Mathew 5:13-16

Blessed is the worker who goes forth.

Blessed is the worker who has not sought the high places, but has been drafted into service because of his ability and willingness to serve.

Blessed is the worker who knows where he is going; why he is going and how to get there.

Blessed is the worker who knows no discouragement; who presents no alibi.

Blessed is the worker who know how to lead without being dictatorial; true leaders are humble.

Blessed is the worker who seeks for the best for those he serves.

Blessed is the worker who works for the good of the most concerned and not for personal gratification of his ideas.

Blessed is the worker who develops leadership while working.

Blessed is the worker who marches with the group; interprets correctly the signs on the pathway that leads to success.

Blessed is the worker who has his head in the clouds but his feet on the ground.

Blessed is the worker who portrays happiness and enthusiasm to others; the one who inspires by keeping himself inspired.

For the past ten years the greater part of my life has been spent working with little children, three, four and five year olds.

On one or two occasions I have become restless and feel the need to be detached from a child's world. If only for a few hours each day I could hear and participate in stimulating adult conversation. For constant contact with little children limits one's vocabulary. You find yourself speaking in one and two syllable words and in a condescending tone, at that. When this happens I take out a little poem I keep close at hand.

"To reach a child—  
The hills of circumstance are high  
And where he is  
I may not always see  
But I would try to climb  
The highest mountain  
To reach a child  
Whose cry came through to me."

Then my restlessness leaves, I am content and once again inspired. If we are to go forth doing our Father's work through our Wesleyan Service Guild we must do it with happiness, pride and confidence. These virtues are contagious.

Happy because we are about our Father's business; with pride because we can say to ourselves we have a tremendous job to do, and no one can do it for us. If we lay down the torch someone, somewhere will suffer. You may feel another will take "my" place, but that is not so—they can only fulfill their own Christian obligations.

The cause entrusted to you is lost. We can feel pride knowing we are important to our Father and His work.

Confident because we know, as Methodist Women, we have the opportunity to study and learn—to be among the better in-

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## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

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formed. We are taught about our Father's world and how we are helping and can continue to help.

So when you go forth—Let your light so shine before men that the love and compassion of the Gallilean may in some measure be portrayed through you.

May I add a word of appreciation and thanks to all who so graciously accepted responsibility for the Spiritual Life assignment for Guild Weekend? Your cooperation and help is, indeed, appreciated.

Let me remind you of the Week of Prayer—October 25-31, 1962. Let us take time for its observance through our prayers and gifts.

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Agnes Miller, (Mrs. Austin), Conference Chairman

Summer is a time of inspiration for Guilders. Mt. Sequoyah in June, Camp Brewer in July, and the School of Missions at Centenary in August bring new ideas, plans and dreams to strengthen the work through the new year. In the local Guilds, summer is a time for resting from the past year before the work begins again. September brings a renewed interest in studying. By October the reports begin to come in and the new year is well under way. Last year we had 94 JR's. Could we hope for 125 this year? For this new year of study let's set as a goal for Louisiana that EACH GUILD HAVE AT LEAST ONE JR STUDY. Of course many Guilds will have more! Some 2, 3 or even 4.

Have you thought of combining the church wide study with the Guild study to get a JR credit. If you will attend the studies that the Church conducts, read the text, have another meeting of your own to make the required hours, and have each member take some part in an activity, then the JR requirements are fulfilled. This can be done this year with the Guild study, WHO CARES, and the churchwide study, THE ARM OF COMPASSION.

Does your Guild have your copy of the folder on Missionary Education that was distributed at Camp Brewer? The District Secretaries of Missionary Education are getting them to the local Guilds. These contain a great deal of information about the new studies. Have you ever used any of the accessories from the Wright Studios to enrich your study? Information about these attractive pictures, napkins, placemats, and cutouts is in the packet for you. There is also a leaflet on STUDY and ACTION for the new studies. May these and the other information they contain help you have a most interesting study.

Remember, for 1962-1963, "At Least One JR Study in Each Guild."

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## SUPPLY WORK

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discussed by twenty-nine members in the Clinic on Supply Work. Supply Work was definitely PERSONALIZED, and came alive in the midst of the Clinic. In fact, the enthusiasm and interest was so great the hour flew by much too quickly.

Attractive posters of each location of this year's "Askings" were made and displayed by Mary Lulla Hutchinson, bringing first hand information and pictures from each place of interest. Conversation centered around the purpose and types of work with the realization that "Supply Work" is an important phase of the "OVER ALL" program of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild; and—it should be presented to each local group in an informative and interesting way. To be interesting as well as informative the facts should be given in an appealing way as an incentive to further thinking and action.

It was pointed out that each local Chairman of Supply Work is a member of, and should work with the program committee in arranging time during the monthly programs to present information pertaining to each location of Supply Work. To interpret Supply Work to the group the committee should use imagination and creativity through the use of the two "DO YOU KNOW" booklets, The Methodist Woman, The Annual Report of the Woman's Division, the Prayer Calendar and personal correspondence from locations of interest. One Guild uses the Prayer Calendar at each meeting with prayers for the Christian workers and the growth of the work in a specific location pin-pointed on a map so the members can visualize the place for which they are praying.

Members of the clinic were honored by the presence of our New Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. Gallaher contributed much to the discussion period and stressed the importance of correct reporting of "Cash Askings" and stating clearly the name and address of each location receiving cash. She also urged the Guilds to meet their "Askings" in full before giving to other locations.

NOTE: If your Guild wishes to send a box of supplies or Christmas gifts to any location, PLEASE—write the location requesting a list of needed items and send only what is requested. If new materials are sent, be sure to fill out and include the "Shipment of Goods" blank, (obtainable from Literature Headquarters) and report the value of goods sent to your District Chairman of Supply Work. Do not send cash direct to any location, send it through your local and District Treasurer.

The Woman's Division has 10 projects in Louisiana, why not work with your chairman of Missionary Education arranging for a "Tour With a Mission", visiting these locations? Personal contacts are the most satisfactory method of learning of the work. Your visits will be welcomed and your concern will be appreciated by the Christian workers.

## "CIRCLE OF PRAYER

### AND LOVE"

## AROUND THE POOL





## "ON THE RIM OF EAST ASIA"

Agnes Miller, June Ivey, Marilyn Hudson, Vi Kulcke, Marie Wilkerson and Boots Guthrie.



### ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Miss Marie Pace, District Secretary

Mrs. Janice Richardson—Reporting

The Bunkie Guild presented Mrs. Annie Hoover with a Special Membership at their first meeting of the New Year. Two members Mrs. Bee Sandefur and Mrs. Janice Richardson gave reports on Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah. Mrs. Bee Sandefur attended School of Missions on the Mountain and also gave a report on the wonderful experience. We were pleased to see so many of our Guild friends at Camp Brewer in July from the Alexandria District. We are planning on a district meeting the last of September and a retreat in October. The Bunkie Guild and W. S. C. S. sent one of our young people, Miss Bobbye Gail McIntyre to School of Missions at Centenary in August. She attended our August meeting and gave a report which was very interesting. An officers' training program was given and the theme for the program was "A Better Guild Begins With Me". Posters were made and presented in leadership training. At the August meeting a program on World Federation of Methodist Women was presented by program chairman, Mrs. Lola Couvillion. Spiritual Life chairman presented the Fellowship of Intercession and Prayer cards were signed by all members. New Year Books were distributed and our thanks to Mrs. Elaine Foreman for such a wonderful job.

### BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Miss Sara Wadsworth, District Secretary

The Baton Rouge District was represented at Mt. Sequoyah with two delegates attending. The District was well represented at the Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer.

Baton Rouge District is planning its Fall Meeting at the Engleside church in Baton Rouge, September 9.

On October 28, the Guilders will meet in Amite for their Coaching Conference, Mrs. Emma Mainous in charge.

On September 29, the Baton Rouge District is planning a Retreat at Silliman College in Clinton, La. Mrs. Betty Denham has charge of this activity.

### LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. Bessie V. Fairley, District Secretary

It has been such a pleasure visiting the Guilds in the District from Opelousas to Houma. All had such fine programs and each one entirely different yet all using the same topic. This certainly shows that Guild people use their talents in a very fine way. In visiting one of our newest Guilds at Houma, the officers told me they had studied the handbook very carefully and felt sure that they knew and understood their duties. A great deal of enthusiasm and interest was displayed at New Iberia, Rayne, Lafayette, Houma and Opelousas. All treasurers reports were in on time.

The District was represented at Jurisdictional Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, at Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer and at

School of Missions and Christian Service at Centenary in Shreveport.

We are planning now for our Coaching Conference in the Fall to be held at Rayne.

Am planning to meet with other Guilds in the District as soon as possible.

This should be a very fine year for the Lafayette District as Maree White left everything in such fine order.

Bessie sends in a subscription for Miss Ina Thompson of Moss Point, Mississippi—now "about 87 years young". Bessie says "... Miss Thompson is responsible for my being in Guild work. She started me off and taught me to like it many years ago. ... She seems very happy that I have continued with my interest in Guild work".

Maybe we, too, should thank Miss Thompson for discovering Bessie, who now serves as our Lafayette District Secretary.

Would YOU like to honor someone with a GUILD TIMES SUBSCRIPTION?

### LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Laura Lynch, Conference Secretary

Guilds in the Lake Charles District have been busy during the summer making plans for work during 1962-1963. We had a good representation at Camp Brewer but regret that only nine of our fourteen Guilds could we represented. A number from the District attended the School of Missions and the Guild Clinic at Centenary College August 13-18.

There will be a meeting of District officers at an early date to discuss plans for furthering Guild work in the District.

Two District Coaching Conferences have been planned. The Susie Jones Unit will be hostess for one in DeRIDDER on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, and the other one will be at JENNINGS on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9.

The Susie Jones Guild of DeRidder reports that their two regular monthly meetings plus an extra Ice-cream Social had been held during the summer. They were represented at both Camp Brewer and the School of Missions. Mary Belle Blankenbaker, who attended the School of Missions, will teach the course "The Rim of East Asia". The Mae Youngblood Unit also of DeRidder will be invited to join them in the study. A Rummage Sale with "imported rummage" has been planned for at an early date.

A member of the Mae Youngblood Unit in DeRidder went on the Mission Tour sponsored by the Louisiana Conference W.S.C.S. Other activities include entertainment for the Golden Age Group in their church and financial aid to a small rural Methodist Church near them. They also report 100% subscribing to Guild Times.

The Welsh Guild, under the leadership of Grace Lawson, is sponsoring a Church Library.

Program Books have been made and distributed to members of the Leesville Guild by Nell Small and her committee. Everyone is looking forward to an interesting as well as a beneficial year's work. In cooperation with a local church activity the Guild will contribute one dollar a week towards the support of Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Cady, a missionary family in Brazil. The Unit was represented at Camp Brewer and the School of Missions at Centenary College. The Committee on Membership has made definite plans for getting new members into the group.



## MILDRED EVANS INTRODUCES MRS. G. W. POMEROY



## MONROE DISTRICT

Janie Phillips (Mrs. M. W.), District Secretary

It is with mixed emotions that, for the first time, I greet you through this medium. I feel very humble but proud because you have elected me to serve you in this capacity for two years.

It is fun to commune with such fine folks as are found in this wonderful organization of ours. If I am sometimes a little slow in executing my obligations, it is because I am just learning the work and am trying to do my best. However, it will take the efficiency of local groups and the prayers of each of you to make Monroe District shine.

Let me urge you to make your reports in full and on time. Acquaint yourselves with your obligations and meet them when the time comes. Read the Guild Times and Methodist Woman so that you can keep up with the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Another rich experience is being planned for September 29-30 at lovely Camp Alabama where we shall conduct our Coaching Conference and Retreat. Each president will receive detailed information at a later date. Alert your membership so that every Guild in the District will be represented by every officer!

Word comes that the Wesleyan Service Guild of Lake Providence has recently celebrated its twentieth anniversary with a covered dish supper in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church of Lake Providence. Special recognition was given to the ten charter members. A history of the Guild, which was organized in 1942 by Mrs. D. C. Metcalf of West Monroe, was read. The guest speaker for the happy occasion was the Reverend George York who chose for the keynote of his talk "Happiness in Service". He paid tribute to the Guild for its excellent leadership in the Methodist Church and in the community. The meeting was a big success.

The Tallulah Guild, with Ruth Read as president has been the first to use MY DATE BOOK, 1962-63, which is published by the Woman's Division and available at Literature Headquarters. It is a calendar and monthly date book, giving the important dates and events of the year and captioned "CALLED—CONFRONTED—COMPELLED". Cost only 10¢ each; 15 for \$1.00. The most inexpensive way for a Guild to have a year book.

Tallulah has invited the Monroe district to meet with them in their spring meeting. Knowing HOW they ENTERTAIN, they'll have a full house.

The Mer Rouge Guild is progressing well under the leadership of its new president, Mrs. Esta Freeland. They have conducted a very successful rummage and sweet sale. In August they held the second joint meeting of the year with the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

I'm having fun visiting the Guilds. My first official meeting was by invitation to the two units of Monroe First Church with other Guilds of Monroe and West Monroe as guests. It is with pleasure that I look forward to filling my present engagements.

Let us all pray and pull together for a very successful year for the Monroe District.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Louise (Mrs. M. C.), Baldrige, District Secretary

MUNHOLLAND—Units 1 and 11 met this summer for the study "The Meaning of Suffering". Three ministers participated in these

MISS ALICE

SCHINDLEDECKER

MacDONELL

SCHOOL



sessions. The attendance was good and it was felt that much was gained from this study. A Communion Set was given to a church in New Orleans and "Prayer Cells" were organized as a result of the study.

Special membership pins were given to the past President Dorothy Blanchard and Martha Frampton—coordinator for the Guild.

CARROLLTON (SUZANNA)—The new Vice-President is Mrs. Gerald Smith who was elected after the resignation of Mrs. Carol Moore who is leaving New Orleans. Suzanna sponsored a Youth Supper on July 29th which was a huge success.

CARROLLTON (EPWORTH)—Three new members have been added to this Guild. All members are working on the talent fund, and are also making and filling bags for the overseas refugees.

Epworth has selected as their fall study—"The Christian Mission on the Rim of East Asia".

## New Orleans District W. S. G.

Thirty-six persons attended Camp Brewer from this District. We were happy to have as our guests four senior M. Y. F. girls; they were—Carolyn Cole, Daphne Felicia Wahl, Jetta Hafer and Linda Lee Lester.

Those who attended the School of Missions, Centenary College, Shreveport, La. were—Mildred Evans, Louise Baldrige, Beverly Biehler, DeEllo Simon, Dorothy Blanchard, Emma Kuntz, Sophie Kuntz and Carolyn Cole (Senior M. Y. F.)

## Calendar of Events 1962-1963

### New Orleans District

- September 9th—  
2:15 P. M. District Executive Committee Meeting, First Methodist Church, 3401 Canal Street.
- September 15th & 16th—  
Coaching Conference, Camp Brewer, Forrest Hill, La.
- September 19th—  
7:30 P. M. Missions Seminar, Gentilly Methodist Church, 4128 Franklin Ave.
- October 7th—  
2:15 P. M. District Coaching Conference, St. Luke's Methodist Church, 5875 Canal Blvd.
- October 3, 10, 17 & 24th—  
7:00 P. M. District Wide Study, "The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need", The Church House, 330 St. Charles Avenue.
- October 26th—  
7:30 P. M. "Sacrificial Supper", St. Bernard Methodist Church, 115 E. D'Amour, Chalmette, La.
- November 3rd & 4th—  
1:45 P. M. Retreat—Camp Istrouma, Greenwell Springs, La. (Sat. thru Sun. Dinner).
- December 2nd—  
3:00 P. M. "Book Review and Christmas Tea", Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, 3900 St. Charles Ave.
- January "Citizenship Brunch"—Guest Speaker—First Methodist Church, 3401 Canal Street.
- February 10th—  
2:15 P. M. District Executive Committee Meeting, First Methodist Church, 3401 Canal Street.

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## CRAFT TIME



## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

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- March 1st—  
7:45 P. M. World Day of Prayer, First Methodist Church, 3401 Canal Street.
- March 6, 13, 20 & 27th—  
7:30 P. M. District Wide Study "Prayer", Ministers participating. Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, March 6th. Munholland Methodist Church, March 13th. Gentilly Methodist Church, March 20th. First Methodist Church, March 27th.
- April 23rd—  
7:20 P. M. Annual District Meeting, Parker Memorial Methodist Church, 1130 Nashville Ave.
- April 28th—  
8:00 A. M. Tour—MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma, La.
- May 19th—  
2:15 P. M. Officer's Training Day, Carrollton Methodist Church, 921 S. Carrollton Ave.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Sue Batton, District Secretary

Ruston District Wesleyan Service Guilds called a meeting in Arcadia for the purpose of re-organizing the district, in June of this year, and at this time the district is fully organized with all officers and chairmen of lines of work functioning and doing quality work.

I find all Guild units in the district very busy program building and making plans for the year, and as district secretary I would like to ask each unit in the district to participate in the Week of Prayer October 25-31. Order your material early and if you do not have a Catalog of Literature, turn to your Methodist Woman, September number and you will find it worked out for you on the back cover.

I also find much interest in the preparation and planning study courses. Some units are planning four studies and some two for Jurisdiction credit. Take some action after each study.

We are working on our Calendar of activities for the year, which will include seminar; coaching conference and Leadership training in October; plans for a district retreat. Also making plans for our District meeting in April, 1963. This calendar of activities will be completed as soon as the district receives the necessary directives.

Ruston district was represented at Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer and three members assisted in workshops and clinics, two attended Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, and several attended School of Missions at Centenary College.

Remember to renew your subscription to Guild Times, and please get new subscriptions. Who wants their district to be at the bottom of the list? I surely do not, so get busy and we can bring it up.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Jerry Beck, District Secretary

The first quarterly meeting of the Shreveport District Committee was held in Mansfield on August 12, under the direction of Miss Jerry Beck, district secretary, the 33 members present accepted the following agenda for the year.

Following the coaching conference to be held at Camp Brewer on September 15 and 16, the district will meet in Mansfield for a

## GRACE LAWSON SAYS "HELLO"



district coaching conference on October 21. Some ten clinics will be conducted for officers and chairmen of lines of work.

The remaining three quarterly committee meetings will be held on November 11, February 10, and May 19. Location of these meetings will be announced later.

During the year, your district secretary is going to visit each of the Guild units in the district. She has had a flip chart made which she will use to discuss the Guild—its meaning on a local, district, conference and jurisdiction level. This will also include a survey of projects and institutions which we support, with particular emphasis on those located in Louisiana. The schedule for these visits is:

- September 18, 1962—Many.  
September 24, 1962—Zwolle.  
October 8, 1962—Wynn.  
October 23, 1962—Summer Grove.  
November 5, 1962—Morningside.  
November 19, 1962—First Church.  
January (to be announced) Trinity.  
January 21, 1962—Plain Dealing.  
February 12, 1963—Logansport.  
February 21, 1963—Mansfield.  
February (to be announced) Curtis Park.  
March 4, 1963—Park Avenue.  
March 19, 1963—Haughton.  
April 8, 1963—Mangum (Unit 1 and Alma Levins).  
April 17, 1963—Noel.  
May 1, 1963—Broadmoor.  
May 13, 1963—Coushatta.

Program committee for the annual Guild dinner in January, 1963, includes Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, chairman; Mrs. J. W. Murray; Miss Adeline Durham; Miss Sybil Kelly and Mrs. Ella Price. Though it has been agreed that this dinner will be held in Shreveport, no church has, as of yet, volunteered to act as host.

Mrs. Emma Pattillo, district chairman of Missionary Education and Service, began her term of office by attending the annual school of missions. She has also begun her program of encouragement toward every unit's having at least one study for Jurisdiction Recognition. Each of the local chairmen of Missionary Education and Service will be guided in this project by Mrs. Pattillo, who will direct their clinic at the district coaching conference.

Miss Mildred Key, district chairman of Spiritual Life, has presented the district with her suggestions for an annual district weekend. These will be pursued further by the local chairmen of spiritual life at the district coaching conference.

Mrs. Estelle Jones, district chairman of Christian Social Relations, challenges the district to give prayerful consideration toward meeting our quadrennial goals. She plans to delve into this more thoroughly when the local chairmen of Spiritual Life gather for the coaching conference. Their clinic will be directed by Mrs. Jones.

The district Supply Askings have been presented, and Miss Hazel Cooper, district chairman of Supply Work, illustrated her report on askings—not only what they are, but how the figures are so derived—by timely examples from her work as director of the Business Girls' Inn in Shreveport. She has also set as one of her

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## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

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goals the distribution of information about the institutions we are helping to support. In this way, each local chairman of supply work will be equipped with material to present at local meetings—so that members may become more familiar with the particular projects to which they are contributing.

The district welcomes its new WSCS district treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Kavanaugh, from Belcher, who drove all the way to Mansfield to conduct a question and answer period at the district committee meeting.

The new goal for Miss Sybil Kelly, district chairman of Literature and Publications, is that every Guild in this district will have a 100% record for subscriptions to the Guild Times. Plans for the promotion of this project include a personal letter of encouragement to all local chairmen of literature and publications, and a Guild Times display to be featured at every district function.

One of the highlights of the district committee meeting was a personal display from several of the Guilds represented. With the help of the Coushatta Unit, which has made permanent placards for each Guild and district officer, these displays will be a feature of each district meeting. They include scrapbooks, handbooks, pictures, worship centers and any other material which has been of particular value to the Guild and district officers.

## VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

E. T. C. M. Hospital  
Kolar, Mysore State, India  
August 29, 1962

Greetings to Each One:

We are all so excited here these past two days because of the news of two wonderful gifts. One is from the Florida Woman's Conference of more than enough money for a new ambulance. And my, how we are needing it. Our ambulance was out of service for repairs at the very time this news of money for a new ambulance arrived. The other gift is from the Circles of the Louisiana King's Daughters and Sons toward our "well and pump" fund. With our most acute water shortage here all of the time, and with so many of the wells being brackish water, it has become almost a necessity to put down our own well and put up our own tank, etc. Mr. Ayappa has already been investigating a piece of property not too far from our compound, and a test well has shown sweet water. This piece of land is large enough for the construction of a laundry, at some future date, as well as the well and tank now. And this gift has come just in time to make the first payment on this piece of property which is available right now.

During July this year I took my vacation and did a number of things. One of the things I did was to go to Bombay to put one of our nurses on the ship, sailing for the States. Dr. Shoemaker and I both went with Miss Annamma Daniel and saw her sail on the Viet Nam, a French ship. She arrived in New York on August 21st and will be attending college this winter at Roberts Wesleyan College in North Chili, New York. On the same ship, we were also seeing Mr. Jaya Mitra sail for the States. He is a Crusade Scholar going to Peabody College in Nashville to study Library Science. He is also from our South India Conference and has been the Headmaster of our Middle School here in Kolar.

Among the various visits I made was a visit to Chidaguppa. In Chidaguppa we have hostels for both boys and girls and a middle school. The Headmistress of this school is Miss Amelia Daniel but she is hoping to go to the States, to Denver, this winter to work on her Master's degree. She is still trying to get her permit for passage but we are hoping it will work out all right before time for her to fly. Miss Daniel has presented the needs of the Chidaguppa School at every meeting of the Woman's Finance Committee for the past 2½ years (this was in the Hyderabad Conference before that) and I have tried to visualize the problems she presents. But one really needs to go and see. She has talked about a huge well with the sides caving in and about space for the children to eat. I had to go and see before I really could understand what she was describing. It is true and it is most unsafe to even be standing near the edge of that huge well. When we arrived on the compound at Chickaguppa it was lunch time. It had just been raining on us as we were approaching the town and the compound. Yet, seated in several large circles on the ground were the girls in one group and the boys in several groups. The children's plates were on the ground before them and several larger girls and boys were carrying large pots of curry and rice and serving the plates. At present a covered verandah is being built across the front of the girls' hostel, and a new kitchen is being built as well, so the girls will soon be able to eat under a roof in bad weather. There is still the need for a place for the boys to be able to be out of the weather. As Chidaguppa is one of our projects, and one which I have just visited for the first time, I thought you would be in-

terested in these few comments on our school.

Would you like some news of "Susi"? I had a very good visit with Surekha Desai. Little "Suri" is very well adjusted to her new home and her parents to her. They were all so happy together and her parents are so proud and thankful to have her for their daughter. They came by bus and brought Surekha quite a distance in order that I might see her and see how much she has grown. She is still the same sweet baby that we gave to her parents nine months ago.

Dr. Shoemaker still talks about her visit with you in Louisiana two years ago. She is coming on another short furlough this winter and it may be that she will be back down in Louisiana for a few days. Well, I must close this visit with you now. So, until another time, Blessings on thee all.

Vela

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. A. (Bee) Sandefur, Conference Secretary

What is a report of Christian Social Relations? It is church women working together on common problems in line with God's purpose for the world.

It is being concerned about the rising tide of teen-age misconduct and acting as a group to help create the right kind of community recreation and education.

It is sponsoring a refugee family, assisting them to find their place in the community and church.

It is being troubled over the growing addiction to alcoholism and concerned enough to see that alcohol education is taught in our schools.

It is praying for peace.

It is working for peace.

It is planning special observances of United Nations Day.

It is supporting U. N. and encouraging others to do so.

It is sponsoring U. N. I. C. E. F.

It is fulfilling our responsibilities as citizens in the political life of our town, state, nation, and world.

It is writing letters to our senators when we feel that important bills are being introduced.

It is studying carefully recommendations of the Department of Christian Social Relations, then adopting and adapting to our local work.

It is the What-the Why-the How of Christian life upon earth with which Christian Social Relations is primarily concerned.

## OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

... And how shall we celebrate growing up? By GROWING in subscriptions ... By attaining a goal of 800 subscriptions ... by having EVERY GUILD in Louisiana subscribing ... by putting in the Guild budget at least 3 subscriptions for (1) the president's file, (2) the pastor, (3) the president of your WSCS and/or your co-ordinator ... THIS WILL BE GROWING UP. This is your conference news bulletin. Read, below, the objectives, and make them come alive in your unit and in the conference.

To date we have 566 subscriptions from 61 units. We have 21 subscriptions from outside our conference.

We have a number of Guilds who are 100% subscribers. This means that Guild Times has a personal appeal to the individual members. Your editor wants to give GUILD TIMES a personal touch so you ... and you ... and you will become acquainted with Louisiana Guilders and their happenings.

This issue is being mailed to those whose \$1.00 has not yet come in. SO IF you are LATE, please send in your \$1.00 now.

Let's make Dorothy Dunbar and Lillian Kennedy (our former editors) and Arline Tyler our Conference Secretary proud of our 10th Anniversary. Incidentally, you'll make me proud and happy too.

Elizabeth Langford

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## Spring Meeting March 16-17—Monroe



MRS. HAZEL L. DABNEY

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Twelfth  
Annual  
Guild  
Meeting  
to be Held  
at First  
Methodist  
Church



The Twelfth Annual Spring Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild will convene Saturday afternoon, March 16, at First Church, Monroe, with Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Guild Secretary, presiding.

The principal speakers will be Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Rev. William Stokes, Rev. Lea Joyner and Miss Caroline Porter.

The Saturday evening banquet speaker will be Rev. William M. Stokes, Director of the Wesley Foundation Student Center, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston.

At the evening session in the Sanctuary, the featured speaker will be Mrs. Dabney, the South Central Jurisdiction Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, who will speak on the subject, "Called to Be Disciples; Sent to Be Apostles", which is the theme of the meeting.

The Rev. Lea Joyner, pastor of Southside Methodist Church, Monroe, will lead the meditation at the Quiet Breakfast at the Virginia Hotel.

The speaker for the Sunday morning session will be Miss Caroline Porter, a retired deaconess, Tujunga, California.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- 10:00 Registration—Lobby, Virginia Hotel.
- 10:00 Executive Committee Meeting—Cameo Room, Virginia Hotel.
- 12:00 Executive Committee Luncheon—Cameo Room, Virginia Hotel.
- 1:00 Registration Continues—Foyer, Educational Building, First Church.

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The principal speaker at the Saturday evening session will be Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, who has served as secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guilds since June, 1960. Prior to her election as Jurisdiction Secretary, she served as Secretary of the Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, 1956-1960, and Associate Secretary, 1952-1956. Mrs. Dabney was a charter member of the Guild of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas, organized in 1940. After moving to Pine Bluff in 1943 she continued working in the Guild. She has served in some capacity of leadership in church for many years and at present is a member of the Planning Committee and is Church School Secretary-Treasurer of Lakeside Methodist Church.

Mrs. Dabney is Supervisor of the Pine Bluff Elementary Schools and served in the same capacity in the Fayetteville Public Schools for eighteen years before moving to Pine Bluff. She has served as President of the Arkansas Federation of Business and Professional Women; of the Arkansas Delta Kappa Gamma (an honorary teachers' organization); of the Arkansas Association for Childhood Education; Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, being a member of the National Board of Directors at this time; of the Arkansas Council of Elementary Schools and served in many offices of the Arkansas Congress of Parents and Teachers.

A native of Fort Smith, Arkansas, she attended the Normal Training School there, Brenau College and the University of Arkansas. She has had additional work beyond the BSE at Peabody College and Northwestern University.

Mrs. Dabney has one daughter and four grandchildren—two two of them in the University of Arkansas—a Senior and a Freshman, one in Senior High School and one in Junior High School.

### DEACONESS TO ITINERATE IN LOUISIANA DURING APRIL

Each year the Woman's Society of Christian Service features an itinerating speaker at their district spring meetings. This year the person to tour Louisiana is to be Miss Jenny Mo Horton, a deaconess presently serving as Director of Religious Education for a church in California. Her appearance on special assignment in our conference commemorates the 75th anniversary of the

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# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Across the desk have come and gone plans and reports for the coaching conference for district officers at Camp Brewer; your district coaching conferences and retreats; and your promotion and financial reports. All have indicated interest, excellent planning and responsive and active participation in all areas of our work. Surely the fruits of such labor and prayer will be harvested throughout the coming year. Congratulations! Thanks! However, let us continue onward and upward in our work.

**EXPANSION;** Are there employed women in your church and in churches in your district "ripe unto harvest" for enlisting in the Missionary Enterprise? May I challenge each unit president and district secretary to survey the field, plant the seed, and reap the harvest of new members for the local units and new units in every district? Involving the employed woman in Missionary Enterprise through the Wesleyan Service Guild is our challenge. Dare we accept?

**GUILD MONTH;** This month, January, Guilders throughout Louisiana will be participating in observance of Guild Month on the local and district level, with the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the local church. May these experiences bring a deeper understanding of the purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild, its function in the local church, and its participation in the total program of missions; and with this understanding in the total program of missions; and with this understanding may there come a re-dedication of our prayers, our service, and our gifts to our Christ. This is my wish to you.

**DISTRICT SECRETARIES** be sure to take note that we will have a representative, Miss Horton, from the Division Headquarters itinerating in our conference in April. Make plans to use her in your district. Contact the promotion secretary of the Woman's Society in your district for confirming the date she will be in your area.

**LOCAL PRESIDENTS:** The complete corps of local officers is to be elected in February, although they do not assume office until June. Be sure to complete this and mail two (2) copies to your District Secretary and retain the third copy for your records. This is being done in order to have all information ready for the Twenty-Third Annual Report. Thank you for your attention to this.

Throughout these pages is evidence of why you will want and need to be with us in Monroe, March 16-17, 1963. Won't each of you share in this experience of "Called to Be A Disciple, Sent to Be an Apostle"? We will be expecting you.

Yours in Service and Love,  
Arlene

## VIRGINIA HOTEL HEADQUARTERS FOR SPRING MEETING

The Virginia Hotel, 112 St. John Street, Monroe, will be headquarters for the Spring Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild to be held on March 16-17. You are expected to make your own hotel reservation. Rooms may also be secured at the Frances Hotel.

### Hotel Rates—Virginia Hotel

\$12.00 for 3 or 4 persons to the room.  
\$8.00 for double or twin beds. (2 persons to room).  
\$5.00 for single room.

### Francis Hotel

\$4.00 to \$8.00 single rooms.  
\$8.00 to \$9.00 twin beds (two to a room).  
\$9.00 three to room (double bed and 3/4 bed in room).

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MISS CAROLINE PORTER

METHODIST

DEACONESS

NATIVE

LOUISIANIAN

TO SPEAK

Pictured above is Miss Caroline Porter, Methodist Deaconess and native of Louisiana, who will speak during the Missionary Hour on Sunday morning, March 17 at the Spring Meeting. Miss Porter's subject will be "Guilders Who Answered the Call."

Miss Porter was born in Louisiana. Upon graduation she went to Mexico to teach at Institute McDonell, Durango.

Her career as a Christian worker has led her into schools, settlement houses, and community centers as widely separated as Tampa, Florida, and Los Angeles. Sabbatical leaves she spent studying and traveling.

In 1955 Miss Porter retired, but her work has not ended. She has visited Alaska, South America, India, and Puerto Rico, studying the work in these areas.

She has been serving as Settlement consultant for the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, in Africa, for several months.

Miss Porter is a charter member of the San Pedro, California, Guild. In her retirement her home is in Tujunga, California.

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR SPRING MEETING—MARCH 9

The registration deadline for the Spring Meeting is March 9. Mrs. Sara Kennon, member of the First Methodist Church, Unit 1, Monroe, is serving as chairman of the registration committee.

Registration \$2.00 (to be paid upon registration)

Banquet \$2.75.

Breakfast \$1.35.

Mrs. Kennon's address is 900 North 3rd Street, Monroe, Louisiana.

## FELLOWSHIP

What does it mean to be a Guild member?

It means a closeness with a wonderful group of people in the local church.

It means a widening of this horizon of friendship to include many in the district, the conference, the jurisdiction.

It means a deep feeling of sympathy when a member loses a loved one.

It means having friends drive halfway across the state for a Sunday afternoon visit.

It means talking far into the night with friends we see at Guild Weekend or the Spring meeting.

It means that a friend drives many miles to place flowers in a hospital room before a member arrives for surgery on the morrow.

It means a freshly-bake pie, a bowl of roses from the garden, a dish of snap beans when guests are expected.

It means a quietness and a reverence of worship together.

Won't you invite someone to become a member?

Great accomplishments do not happen by chance. They come about because somebody is on the job. When something of great importance is to be done, it is wise to make somebody responsible for doing it.



## OFFICERS FOR 1963-64

Each local unit should elect new officers in February although they will assume their duties in June.

In the Promotion Secretary's Report Book, forms for reporting this list are found between the November and May report blanks. Make out in triplicate, sending two copies to the District Secretary and retaining a copy in the book for a permanent record.

It is most important that each person's address be listed correctly, so that mail may be accurately directed to these persons.

Send these lists in immediately after election.

## LITERATURE

Mrs. Warren Orr (Alice), Woman's Society Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications, sends Greetings. She urges us to subscribe to The Methodist Woman and World Outlook, saying "We are what we read! Read on a high plane . . . it makes a difference in our lives!"

## NEWS YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

January is Guild month—a time for inventory. (What is the status of my Guild stock?), a time for resolutions (How can I be a better member?), and a time for enthusiasm and action.

I plan to:

1. Attend every local Guild meeting, and pray for its success.
2. Take an active part in arranging or presenting a program.
3. Bring a guest to share our Guild meeting.
4. Make it a point to welcome guests and visiting Guild members to our group.
5. Make it a special point to acquaint a non-Guild person with the principles and purposes of the Wesleyan Service Guild.
6. Attend any type of Guild Conference or District meeting outside my regular local meeting of the Guild.
7. Attend a Study Course for JR Credit.
8. Sit beside someone other than those I come with and make it a point to enjoy the fellowship of a different Guild member each meeting.
9. Completely read my copy of the Guild Handbook.
10. Think of something worthwhile that our Guild can do and suggest it.
11. Submit the name of at least one prospective member.
12. Familiarize myself with each copy of the Methodist Woman published during the next 12 months.
13. Read each copy of Guild Times published quarterly.
14. Learn the full name, nickname, birthday and anniversary of each member of our Guild.
15. Use Christian principles and ethics in my daily work.

Select three or five or ten—or all—(Measure yourself) of the above resolutions and Go Right On Working.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

A little boy was spending Christmas with his grandmother. When told it was time to go to bed, he objected, saying that the room was dark. "Please let me have just a little light." As he got into bed, he glanced out the window. The stars were shining brightly. "Look", he cried, "God put a light in the sky—just for me!"

During the past weeks we have moved, swiftly, from the threat of a nuclear war to an uncertain peace; from darkness to light.

As we approached the season of advent climaxing in Christmas, the birthday of our Lord and Saviour, our hearts were filled with thankfulness, light, and peace. It is only as we have the light of Jesus and peace within our hearts that we will have peace in our world. For, "Peace is more than a word. Peace is a flame that burns within the hearts. . . ."

It is with this peace burning within our hearts and becoming a part of our living that we not only observe Christmas, but carry the radiance of Christmas into the year 1963. We will be truly people "who have seen a great light."

PRAYER CALENDAR for 1963 will be available about December 1, 1962, and may be ordered from Literature Headquarters. If you are not now using the Prayer Calendar, a means of bringing alive intercessory prayer, won't you begin its use in your daily prayer life during 1963?

I hope all of you observed the Week of Prayer and that it was truly a period of prayer and self denial.

I hope all of you are making plans for participating in the observance of Guild Month in January and the World Day of Prayer, March 1, 1963

## SUPPLY WORK

Ruth Guthrie (Mrs. T. D.) Conference Chairman

May the light of THE SHINING STAR brighten and bring much happiness to you and to your loved ones, and may the coming year be one of "Peace and Goodwill." As the Heavens sang rejoicing at the birth of the Christ Child, so let your hearts sing also.

In the light of the shining star that giveth happiness to little children and cheer to all, may we remember our zeal for that good time when none shall be far off or forgotten. Let us bring them into the circle of the blessed life in prayer. Pray that all girls and boys in our Homes, Schools, Colleges, and Community Centers may be directed to HIS WAY of Love.

Plans are well under way for the Spring Conference. The Saturday evening dinner hour will feature "Supply Work." Each of the four locations of Special Interest, or Cash Askings, will be highlighted in various ways. If you have made and used attractive posters, flip charts, or such in presenting Supply Work to your Guild, please bring them for display, or notify your District Chairman.

Although the year is half gone, we have fallen short of reaching the halfway mark in giving towards our "Cash Askings." Try not to let your District down. If your District falls short, your Conference will fall short. If your Conference falls short, the locations which are your responsibility will also fall short in funds to buy the needed supplies.

According to the Treasurers' reports received, some Guilds are sending—ALL CASH FOR SUPPLY WORK undesignated. AGAIN, I URGE YOU to give ALL ASKINGS IN FULL before giving undesignated cash. After this has been done, if you have other cash for Supply Work send it "Undesignated cash for Guild Special Interests," so it may be used where most needed.

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Agnes Miller, (Mrs. Austin), Conference Chairman

Another season of study for the Guilds of Louisiana is well under way. During the summer Guilders rest. When September comes, coaching conferences are held and local Guilds start to study once more. In October the JR reports begin to come in, gathering momentum as the year goes on. To date only twelve JR studies have been reported, which is three short of the number reported by this time last year. Of these Shreveport District leads with three, Alexandria and Baton Rouge have two each. The other districts each have one. No Guild has had more than one study so far. Four different topics have been studied. Three of the credits were on the Meaning of Suffering, seven were of the Christian Mission on the Rim of East Asia, and one each on Dimensions of Prayer and Today's Children for Tomorrow's World.

Is your Guild taking advantage of the excellent articles in the Methodist Woman and the World Outlook that are background materials for the studies? Do you use the material in the program book that is geared to the studies? The stories and other materials in the supplementary books are inspiring and informational. Do you use them, too? Do you vary your procedure with panels, buzz sessions, dramatizations, guest speakers, film strips, flip cards, and other techniques to make your programs more interesting? Every program of every study should be a challenge, so planned that it holds the interest of the group throughout.

It has been said that Methodist Women are the best informed group of women in the world. With the wealth of available materials on so many timely subjects, this can well be so. Let's all plan this year to increase our participation. Let's achieve our goal of: AT LEAST ONE JR STUDY IN EVERY GUILD THIS YEAR.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur, Chairman

"Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it . . ."

This verse from Psalms 127 keynoted ceremonies marking the laying of the cornerstone of the new church center at United Nations, September 23, 1962.

Why a "Church Center" at the United Nations? One answer given was, "in order to give and receive a witness." It is a promise of renewed dedication of the church to the cause of peace through closer cooperation with the United Nations.

Have you been studying "Today's Children for Tomorrow's World?" If not, please try to arrange it in your busy schedule. It is timely and urgent and can combine well with "Who Cares," the Home Mission Study.

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## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

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At this time of year Thanksgiving Day is past. We have so many things to be thankful for these days that our Prayers of Thanksgiving must go on and on.

Let us pray for peace in our restless world. Let us watch legislation and voice our real feelings. Let us do our part, with God's help, to bring "Peace on Earth—Good Will Toward Men."

Special programs in observance of United Nations Day were held, and cooperation with the Trick or Treat program and UNICEF windows were also reported. Citizenship Brunches have been held.

Did you get out to vote?

Several District Chairmen have asked me for a program on Christian Social Relations with a real impact. I hope you have used the skits and drama that I sent. Certainly we are faced with real need for Christian Social Relations.

Can I help any of you with your programs—your action from programs—etc.?

Write me and please let me hear from the District chairman, too, if you need me. This is a big program, choose one course at a time and work at it hard; do not become confused with too many issues; study your community needs, your nation's needs, and act and pray. Let our prayers be not "little prayers."

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Marie Pace, District Secretary

Several studies for JR Credit have been completed in the Alexandria District and more are planned. On October 20-21 the District Coaching Conference and Spiritual Life Retreat was held at Camp Grant Walker near Pollock. In spite of weather conditions, they had 20 registrations. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Mrs. Guy Hicks, First Church, Alexandria, led a most inspiring Retreat Saturday evening. She used a House of Prayer as the basis of her teaching. Rev. Roland Friedrich, First Church, Alexandria, brought the message and conducted Communion Service on Sunday morning. Janice Richardson, Bunkie Guild Spiritual Life Chairman for the District, led the period of meditation. Luncheon at noon concluded the meeting.

One Guild served the Alexandria District Parsonets December 13 and had their Christmas party later. If the Epworth Village came up short on Christmas gifts, it will not be the fault of the Alexandria District. Those "extra mile" packages were packed and sent promptly.

At the September meeting of the Bunkie Guild the Mayor of Bunkie, Mr. Warren Constant, gave a very interesting talk on "Christian Discipleship in the City Government." The meeting was held at the church with a very good attendance.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Sara Wadsworth, District Secretary

The Baton Rouge District has been very busy these last three months. A variety of activities has been enjoyed by the Guild throughout the district.

On October 28, the Guilders of district met at Amite for a most delightful and successful Coaching Clinic under the direction of Mrs. Emma Mainous of Baton Rouge.

Among the other activities of the various Guilds are the following:

The Kentwood Guild reports a tea held for a going away member; preparing a meal for a bereaved family; for the week of Prayer and Self-Denial they had a supper with a very informative program; and they have refinished some furniture for the parsonage.

Ponchatoula reports having furnished transportation for those who did not have a way to the Church services.

Winbourne held an informal get together with the W. S. C. S. honoring the graduating seniors.

Hammond served a supper for Christian Adventure Week and other activities for the youth of their church.

The second unit of the First Methodist Church at Baton Rouge had a book review and tea to which they invited two small units; the fellowship was splendid. They also helped a needy family buy groceries. They enjoyed a visit to the Home for the Aged, carrying gifts of fruit.

Istrouma has busied itself with furnishing decorations for the church and worship centers. They served a dinner at the revival.

Unit 1 of the First Church, Baton Rouge, sent cash to the Christian Approach Mission for the support of an orphan.

North Baton Rouge has been engaged in the making of diaper shirts for the Methodist Home Hospital; they have cooperated with the W. S. C. S. in a study of "Dimensions of Prayer" with the

minister's wife, Mrs. Roy Mouser, as their teacher.

Other Guilds report many activities including the successful study of several of the approved studies.

Our next district activity will be a Citizenship Brunch held in Amite in January in connection with Guild Month. Mrs. Flora Tazuin is in charge.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. Bessie Fairley, District Secretary

In September we visited the Crowley Guild where they had a good program and excellent fellowship. In October we went to visit Abbeville Guild where we had fine fellowship and an interesting program. Both of these Guilds are small but are working hard.

Our fall meeting was held in Rayne on October 14. Miss Marilyn Carter gave the opening Meditation. There followed a coaching session with instructions in the lines of work and other important phases of Guild work.

Membership and Promotion—Miss Maree White

Supply Work—Mrs. Edna Wattigny

Missionary Education—Mrs. Bernice Hebert

Christian Social Relations—Mrs. Joyce Prejean

Spiritual Life—Miss Marilyn Carter

Treasurer—Miss Dorothy Dunbar

The Rayne Guild had arranged a lovely worship setting for our meeting. After the Coaching session we were entertained in the Fellowship Hall.

Only one unit in the District was not represented at the meeting. We were pleased to have Mrs. George H Thomas, a member of Woman's Society of Christian Service on the conference Guild Committee with us.

The Rayne Guild has completed the study "Christian Missions on the Rim of East Asia" for which they received JR Credit.

Opelousas has completed the study "Churches for New Times."

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Laura Lynch, District Secretary

There were two Coaching Conferences held in the Lake Charles District. The first one was held in DeRidder on October 7, with Mrs. Marguerite Spell and Mrs. Nannie Christian and their groups as hostesses. The second session was held on October 14, at the Jennings Church with Miss May Shaffer and the Jennings Guild entertaining. We were very fortunate to have Mrs. A. J. McGrede, District President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mrs. L. C. Callahan, District Treasurer of the Woman's Society, who met with them and assisted with the program.

Mrs. Alberta Salmons, Guild Spiritual Life Chairman, gave the devotional at both meetings. Laura Lynch, Jessie Lea Alley, Nell Small, Grace Lawson and Mrs. L. C. Callahan presented the following program:

1. The General Program and The Relationship with the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
2. Missionary Education and Service.
3. Characteristics of a Good Committee on Membership.
4. Financial Support of the Work.

A discussion period followed each part of the program. An interesting skit entitled "Class History" was used to stimulate interest in Mission Study classes. Elsie Goins and Harding Walters assisted in the presentation of the skit. Mrs. McGrede called attention to a film strip made of the Sixth Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Atlantic City, New Jersey in May.

Each officer in attendance discussed her work and called attention to phases of the work that could be strengthened.

The District Secretary was invited to visit the Lake Arthur Guild on Sunday, November 4. They have a well-planned program and are using the many opportunities they have in the advancement of His Kingdom.

Twelve of the fourteen Guilds in the Lake Charles District reported the observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial in October. Five studies have been completed. The Lake Arthur, Gueydan, Jennings, and Leesville Units met requirements for Jurisdiction credit.

Several of the Lake Charles Units reported interesting items about their activities. The Gueydan Guild presented an Honorary Youth Membership to Kathy Hartwell recently. Three In Remembrance Gifts have been given by the Julia Reid Unit, First Church, Lake Charles. The Leesville Unit presented its annual Memorial Scholarship to Vickie Word, an outstanding Methodist student, who is attending Centenary College. The Maye Youngblood Unit, DeRidder was in charge of the program for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial with the Susie Jones Unit, also of DeRidder, and the Wesley Church attending.



## MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. M. W. (Janie) Phillips, District Secretary

It has been a rich and rewarding experience to serve the Monroe District Wesleyan Service Guild thus far. The more one communes with the folks of this wonderful organization, the Wesleyan Service Guild, the more she realizes how important this work is. I've never had more fun than I have as I've visited the various units of the Guild, and am looking forward to seeing all of you before the Guild year is over.

As you know, we in the Monroe District are looking forward with much pleasure to being host to the spring meeting in March. Plan now to attend, for it is the individual who attends these fine meetings who receives the greatest benefit.

For the benefit of those over the conference, information concerning the Spring Meeting will be found elsewhere in GUILD TIMES.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mrs. Milton C. (Louise) Baldridge, District Secretary

The New Orleans District held a "Mission Seminar" at Gentry Methodist Church on September 19, and on October 7 held the annual Coaching Conference at St. Luke's Methodist Church.

The District-Wide Study "The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need" during the month of October was well attended and we feel it was a success.

The "Sacrificial Supper" on October 26 was also a success; the St. Bernard Guild was hostess and we enjoyed the fine fellowship of our members.

Miss Fae Daves, deaconess and director of St. Marks Community Center, was our leader for the "Retreat" held at Camp Istrouma November 3 and 4. It was a wonderful experience for those who attended.

St. Luke's Methodist Church Guild started the past year with a membership of seven, and now, in six months' time has grown to twelve active members. On October 26 they were represented at the District Sacrificial Supper by Carol Kinabrew, Kay Mullet, and Mrs. Kathryn Mullet. Mrs. Kathryn Mullet took part in the program. At the District Retreat, Carol Kinabrew represented St. Luke's at Camp Istrouma.

Carol Kinabrew and Mrs. Ora Capella sang in the choir for the "Festival of Faith" at the Municipal Auditorium on November 11. That night, the Guild served coffee and cake at the church during the Church-Wide study on "Methodism's Ministry to the Handicapped." They are proud to report that six members of their twelve came every night to this study; one of them, Kay Mullet, helped Mrs. Woodland, the pastor's wife, in the Primary Department during this study. This study was held for four Sunday nights during the month of November.

First Methodist . . . ten members of the Guild attended the study "The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Needs" presented at the Church House in October. Their project "Night in Disneyland," consisting of movies of Disneyland and a dinner, was well attended on the night of October 20. In November, four members attended the Spiritual Retreat at Camp Istrouma.

Carrollton Church . . . The Epworth Unit of Carrollton Guild had a Mission Study, "Rim of East Asia," and as a result of this study sent \$12.10 to the Girls' Middle School in Korea. They also had a 'und-raising dinner and White Elephant Sale that netted over \$100.00.

St. Matthews Guild . . . was represented at the study "The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Needs" in November. The members kept themselves busy making "bottle" centerpiece decorations for the Poydras Home for the Aged ladies for Christmas.

Second Church Guild . . . successfully completed their study on "The Meaning of Suffering" and have received JR Credit. The study was given under the leadership of Mildred Evans. Four members attended the District study on "The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need" for which they hope to receive JR Credit. A new member has been welcomed into their midst, Mrs. W. (Pat) Addison.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Sue Batton, District Secretary

Ruston District is fully organized again and doing excellent work. They have completed some studies with Jurisdiction Credit, and all Guild Units in the district are making preparation for other studies. Many units have participated in Church Wide Studies. Following the study on "Prayer" many prayer groups have been organized.

Their Coaching Conference in October at Caney Lake was a great success. Each phase of Guild work was presented in an unusual and interesting manner: talk-backs, panels, dramas, posters, and flip-charts.

A number of the local units had joint dinners with the Woman's Society of Christian Service. They also had some very fine studies with the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Sue reports 100% reporting of local units in her district. They are to be commended for the very fine work they are doing.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Jerry Beck, District Secretary

The Shreveport District is booming with activity. On Sunday afternoon, October 21, 1962, the Mansfield Guild was host to the annual district coaching conference, at which 74 persons were present. Following a short business meeting, the group was invited to the Recreation Building. There, they were served refreshments while examining the displays featuring worship settings, literature, scrapbooks, and various projects underway in Guilds throughout the district. Each display was identified with attractive placards donated to the district by members of the Coushatta unit.

A one-hour treasurer's clinic was then conducted by Arline Tyler, while the following 30-minute clinics were held for officers and chairmen of the lines of work:

Presidents—Elizabeth Lowrey

Vice Presidents—Sybil Hale

Recording and Promotion Secretaries—Mary Pierson

Chairmen of Spiritual Life—Mildred Kee

Chairmen of Supply Work—Hazel Cooper

Chairmen of Missionary Education and Service—Emma Patillo

Chairmen of Christian Social Relations—Estelle Jones

Each person conducting a clinic was asked to bring an outline of the material she presented in order that this might be compiled and mailed out to each local unit. In this way, each Guild in the district will be equipped to conduct a local coaching conference with the same basic material used on the district level.

On Sunday afternoon, November 11, 1962, 28 members of the district committee met for their second quarterly meeting in Shreveport, with the Park Avenue Guild acting as host. Four of these representatives were from the W.S.C.S. As in all such meetings, the reading of the minutes was eliminated, for a copy of these is sent out to all committee members immediately following each meeting.

The district is in good condition, financially, for each member has now raised her contribution to the district cultivation fund to 35 cents. Wynn Methodist Church agreed to host the third quarterly district meeting in Shreveport on Sunday afternoon, February 10, 1963. All local Guilds were urged to have their elections of officers in February in order that these new leaders might attend the annual spring meeting in Monroe on March 16 and 17. And, too, the district is planning a district Guild Week-end on May 18 and 19, 1963, during which time a coaching conference will be held for all officers and chairmen of lines of work. It was felt that such a conference in the spring might be of more benefit to the new officers than would the one usually held in the fall.

Mildred Kee, district Chairman of spiritual life, will serve as general chairman of the Guild Week-end, with the following designated help:

Morningside—Official Host, in charge of reservations and invitations

Mansfield—Literature and display room

Wynn—Vesper service Saturday evening

Park Avenue—Quiet breakfast Sunday morning

Coushatta—Table decorations for three meals

Noel—Coaching conference clinics

Mangum (both units)—Crafts Saturday morning

First Church, Shreveport—Sunday morning service

Plain Dealing—Music, leader, hymnals and accompanist

Many—Offering and ushers for Sunday morning worship

Haughton—Souvenirs to sell for missions

Arline—Saturday night program on conference level

Jerry—Sunday morning program on "Youth and Recruitment"

Highlight of Guild month for the Shreveport District will be the annual Guild Dinner on January 18, 1963, at 6:30 p.m. Host for that event will be the Broadmoor Guild, which has arranged with their local W.S.C.S. to serve the meal for \$1.50 per plate. Each Guild is urged to bring at least one prospective member to the dinner, with recruitment in mind. Noel's Guild has agreed to handle the invitations and reservations; Morningside will prepare and present the name tags; First Church, Shreveport, will furnish table decorations; Mildred Kee and Estelle Jones will prepare

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## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

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combination program booklets-place cards, featuring the evening's menu, program Guild Hymn, benediction and district officers. Emma Patillo is in charge of seating, and Sybil Kelly is promoting the publicity, to include a photographer on hand.

Winners of the GUILD TIMES contest will be announced at the dinner. Under the direction of Sybil Kelly, the contest has been underway for several months. Each local unit is attempting to increase their number of subscriptions, and those with the highest percentage increase will be awarded prizes at the dinner.

In addition to the contest results and special music, the after dinner message will feature the Reverend Sam Nadar, pastor of Noel Church in Shreveport.

## IN MEMORIAM

Frances Langford, charter member of the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Church, Monroe, died October 25, after a long illness. Frances, a sister of our beloved editor Elizabeth, will be sadly missed by her many friends, for to know her was to love her.

Cecilia McReynolds Coulter, a member of the Guild of First Church, Monroe, died November 10, after a long illness. Her useful life of service to her community and to her church was a living monument.

The Guild of St. Luke's Church, New Orleans, sadly misses Bess Payn, one of its most active members, who passed away November 9. She was a conscientious and faithful worker who will be long remembered.

The Guild of First Church, New Orleans was saddened by the death of one of its most faithful members, Mrs. Girlain Hodge, on November 5. She had been an active and devoted Guild worker for years.

Sympathy is extended to Guild members:

To Mrs. Minza Rabun of Bastrop in the death of her son Jimmy.

To Mrs. Alice Land of New Iberia whose sister, Mrs. J. H. Graves died.

To Mrs. Laureal Fremin of New Iberia, whose husband passed away.

To Miss Ivy Mae Bureligh of Opelousas in the death of her brother Horace

To Mrs. Hattie Childs and Mrs. Myra Byrd of Opelousas whose father passed away.

And to any others whose losses were not known to the temporary editors.

## TEMPORARY EDITORS

It has given us a lot of joy to be able to put together this issue of GUILD TIMES. We were glad to be in touch with so many of you who are our dear friends, and to be able to assist Elizabeth at this time of stress in her own world.

If we have left anything out or if we have crossed up any wires please deal kindly with us in your thoughts.

Dorothy Dunbar

Maree White

## COMMITTEES FOR SPRING MEETING

Mrs. Austin Miller, Monroe, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education, is Program Chairman of the Annual Spring Meeting to be held March 16-17. The general chairman is Mrs. Gloria Bennett, President, Unit I, First Methodist Church Guild with Mrs. A. B. Potter, Vice President as Co-Chairman.

Serving on the Program Committee are Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Bastrop; Miss Mildred Evans, New Orleans; Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Bunkie; Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Jr., Ruston; Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport; and Mrs. M. W. Phillips, District Secretary of the Monroe District.

## SPRING MEETING MARCH 16-17

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## AFTERNOON SESSION

Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

... and he said unto him, Follow me.

1:45 Organ Prelude—Mrs. Harvey Nelson.

Theme Hymn: "The Voice of God Is Calling—No. 454  
Convening of the Twelfth Annual Meeting—Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, Presiding.

Scripture and Prayer—Mrs. Charles Salmons.

Opening Worship—Miss Mildred Evans.

Welcome—Rev. G. W. Harbuck and Mrs. M. W. Phillips.

Order of Business:

Presentation of the Program—Mrs. Austin Miller.

Report of Recording Secretary—Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Jr.

Appointment of Committees.

Introductions.

Announcements.

Hymn: "Guild Hymn".

Report of the Conference Secretary—Miss Arline Tyler.

Reports of Conference Chairmen:

Christian Social Relations—Mrs. Alvin Sandefur.

Missionary Education and Service—Mrs. Austin Miller.

Spiritual Life Cultivation—Miss Mildred Evans.

Supply Work—Mrs. T. D. Guthrie.

Guild Times—Miss Elizabeth Langford.

Hymn: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"—Number 456.

Everyman according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give.

Pledge Service—Mrs. Carl Gallagher.

4:15 Fellowship Tea—Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church—Memorial and Winnsboro Guilds.

Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you.

6:00 Dinner: Featuring Supply Work—Mrs. T. D. Guthrie,

Presiding, Crystal Ballroom, Virginia Hotel.

Invocation—Rev. Edward R. Haug.

Introductions—Mrs. M. W. Phillips and Miss Arline Tyler.

Address—Rev. William Stokes.

Special Music—Members of Wesley Foundation Student Center, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute.

John Wesley's Benediction—Unison.

## EVENING SESSION

Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

Miss Arline Tyler, Presiding

As ye go, preach saying: The kingdom of heaven is at hand

8:00 Organ Prelude—Mrs. Harvey Nelson.

Hymn: "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling"—Number 268.

Prayer—Rev. Earl B. Emmerich.

Solo: "O Divine Redeemer"—Gounod.

Mrs. Irvie Lee Temple

Address: "Called to Be Disciples; Sent to Be Apostles"—Mrs. Hazel Dabney.

The cup of blessing which we bless

Communion Service and Dedication of Gifts—Rev. G. W.

Harbuck, Rev. B. R. Oliphint, Rev. Lloyd Williams,

Rev. James Evans, Rev. Lamont Rouse.

Benediction—Rev. G. W. Harbuck.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Crystal Ballroom

Virginia Hotel

And ye shall be witnesses unto me unto the uttermost part of the earth.

7:00 Quiet Breakfast—Miss Mildred Evans, Presiding.

Invocation—Mrs. Janice Richardson.

Solo: "How Great Thou Art"—Stuart Hine.

Mrs. Dewana Pitts, accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Stratford

Meditation—Rev. Lea Joyner.

Closing Prayer—Mrs. Betty Denham.

8:30 Order of Business—Miss Arline Tyler, Presiding.

Election of Delegates.

Report of Committees.

And lo I am with you always, even to the end of the world.

9:00 Missionary Hour—Mrs. Austin Miller, Presiding.

Hymn: "Heralds of Christ"—Number 482.

Address: "Guilders Who Answered The Call"—Miss Caroline Porter.

Closing Prayer—Mrs. Willis Ward.

10:00 Adjournment—Miss Arline Tyler.

10:50 Worship Service—First Methodist Church.

12:15 Buffet Luncheon — Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church—Southside, Lake Providence, and Tallulah Guilds.

## DEACONESS TO ITINERATE IN LOUISIANA

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deaconess movement; it is hoped that our people will become more aware of the needs and opportunities for professionally qualified women in missionary and deaconess service.

In order for Guild groups to hear this capable speaker and to involve her in some of their own meetings so that her message can reach as many Methodist women as possible, we submit her schedule of the Woman's Society of Christian Service meeting:

April 16, Bogalusa; April 17, Rayne Memorial, New Orleans; April 18, Morgan City; April 19, Westlake; April 23, Trinity, Alexandria; April 24, Tallulah; April 25, Haynesville; April 26, Noel Memorial, Shreveport.

Anyone wishing to schedule Miss Horton as a speaker should write to Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Secretary of Promotion of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, 440 Pennsylvania, Shreveport, Louisiana.





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## 12th ANNUAL SPRING MEETING PRONOUNCED SUCCESS

The success of the 12th ANNUAL SPRING MEETING held last month in Monroe has echoed throughout the conference. Delegates and visitors from every part of Louisiana returned home with the theme of the meeting well implanted in their hearts and minds: "Called to be Disciples, Sent to be Apostles." Mrs. Agnes Miller, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education served as program Chairman.

Every Guild in the Monroe District shared with the two units of First Church in hosting the Conference. Mrs. Janie Phillips, District Secretary, had the efficient leadership of Mrs. Gloria Bennett, general chairman, and Mrs. Lucille Potter, co-chairman, (First Church, Unit One) who directed the work of the 13 committees. All the facilities of First Church were at the disposal of the committees. Appreciation was also expressed to the Virginia Hotel where the Conference had headquarters for the very fine way in which they entertained the delegates.

Mrs. Sara Kennon, Registration Chairman, reported 219 pre-registrations and 200 attending. The fact that the flu epidemic kept many away was very evident. You who were flu victims or, for other causes, were prevented from coming were greatly missed . . . and you missed one of the finest spring meetings on record. Since your editor was listed among the flu victims, most of the program cannot be reported first hand! (If some details are missing be kind to your editor . . . and blame the flu.

Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary and Mrs. Boots Guthrie, Recording Secretary, saw that each business session moved along with smoothness and efficiency. The officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service who are on the Executive Committee of the Guild were most helpful in the many ways in which they assisted in the presentation of the program. During the afternoon business session the Chairman of the Lines of Work reported to the conference. In a very effective manner "charms" representing each Line of Work were added to a huge bracelet made of golden links. The Pledge Service was conducted by candle light, as each District Secretary pledged for her district. Elsewhere we give you the 1963-64 pledges. With the assistance of the Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Carl Gallaheer, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President, accepted the pledges made.

Following the afternoon business session Guilders attended a Fellowship Tea in the Educational Building. During a delightful social hour many friends renewed old friendships and made new acquaintances.

Who could know that SUPPLY WORK could be made so attractive? It took Mrs. Ruth Guthrie's ingenuity and artistic talent to develop the theme of Supply Work at the banquet in such a manner, and Rev. William Stokes—Wesley Foundation Director at Louisiana Tech, assisted by his students—to make known to us just what the Wesley Foundation means to college students.

We were most fortunate in having our Jurisdiction Secretary, Mrs. Hazel Dabney of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as our special guest. "Hazel" became one of us immediately and was just full of information about our Guild plans for the future. Louisiana expects to see her often, since she is our next-door neighbor. Those who go to Mt. Sequoyah will have an opportunity to know her better as she directs Jurisdiction Weekend. At the business hour Miss Jerry Beck, Shreveport District Secretary and Mrs. Bessie Fairley, Lafayette District Secretary were elected delegates to Mt. Sequoyah Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, with Mrs. Emma Mainous of Baton Rouge as first alternate. Alternates for the Conference Chairmen are: Conference Secretary—Mrs. Bessie Fairley; Spiritual Life—Miss Mildred Kee; Christian Social Relation—Mrs. Minza Rabun; Missionary Education—Miss Emma Patillo; Supply Work—Miss Hazel Cooper.

The Communion Service is always a time of re-dedication to every Guild member. This service was made very meaningful by the ministers who directed the order of service. The offering to Missions amounted to \$185.59. Members also added to their missionary giving by buying the corsages for Missions, which totaled another \$100.00.

Early Sunday morning the Guilders attended the Quiet Breakfast which very fittingly started the Sabbath Day of worship. Miss Mildred Evans, Spiritual Life Chairman, introduced Rev. Lea Joyner who brought the meditation. Artistic table arrangements added to the meaning of this high hour.

At the Missionary Hour on Sunday morning Mrs. Miller introduced Miss Caroline Porter, a retired Methodist Deaconess (who hasn't retired from active Christian Service). Miss Porter inspired the group as she told of the work Guilds and Guilders are doing "in the uttermost parts of the earth." Though a native of Louisiana, Miss Porter now resides in Tujunga, California.

Many Echoes were heard relative to the beautiful music which was injected into every program as guest artists lifted their voices in songs of praise. The program could not have been complete without the music these soloists provided, accompanied by talented musicians at the organ and piano.

Most of the Guild members attended church at First Methodist at the eleven o'clock hour and heard a wonderful message delivered by Rev. George Harbuck. After this service the Guild Spring Meeting was concluded with a buffet lunch served in the Fellowship Hall. Sandwiches, dainty cookies and drinks were enjoyed before reluctant goodbyes were said and Guilders started for home.

So, again, we say "thank you" to those who attended another Guild Spring Meeting. The many expressions of appreciation and the handclaps of love and affection really warm the heart and offers a challenge to each of us to go, as Apostles, in His Name.

We will look forward to seeing many of you at the 1964 Spring Meeting in Lafayette. Lafayette District has seven Guilds that are very active and we know they will be overflowing with that southern hospitality we always hear about.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD 1963-1964

#### WE RECOMMEND.

1. That there be a continuing awareness of the purpose of the Guild so that it examines everything it does in reference to its functions.
2. That we continue our emphasis on leadership training, membership cultivation, and organization of new Guilds. To this end, each district will organize and function in the way best suited to meet its needs.
3. That cooperation between members of the Guilds and Woman's Societies be encouraged and strengthened.
4. That we may have an increased understanding of the problems and a keener awareness of the opportunities facing us in our world today, let us study and participate in the proposed Christian Social Relations Program.
5. That we may find spiritual renewal and fulfillment let the membership of the Guild make use of the Spiritual Life Packet, the Prayer Calendar, and other resources; observe the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Week and other special days; promote and participate in Retreats and Days Apart on local, district, and conference levels; and be active in the worship, prayer groups, evangelism and stewardship program of the local church.
6. That all members be involved in the Missionary enterprise by increasing opportunities for study, improving methods of study, and through more vital outgrowth of study.
7. That we continue our support of the projects of the Woman's Division by increased pledges, and through giving special memberships, In Remembrance Gifts, and the use of Our World Banks; that Supply Asking's be met in full, and that each project come alive in our personal interest and prayers.
8. That every unit work toward regular attendance and active participation of its membership in Guild activities beyond the local unit.



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Dear Co-Workers:

We have just closed another successful annual spring meeting. Our hostess group, Monroe District and First Church, did an excellent job of pre-preparation and service throughout the meeting. Our conference officers and District Secretaries were on hand and shared the responsibilities in such a fine spirit and capable way. Our guest speakers brought messages of challenge and inspiration. To all these, and to those who LISTENED and HEARD and RESPONDED go my heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation.

**LOCAL UNITS:** Is your officer list complete? Have you sent 5 copies to your District Secretary? If not, please give this your immediate attention. Begin now to complete your year's work and to meet your pledge to missions. Let us meet all obligations "in Full"!

**District Secretaries:** Check your officer list carefully. Send 5 copies of your officer list (district officers and local presidents) along with your complete officer lists to me, not later than May 1st. Your district reports have as a deadline date, May 15th. Check and be sure your district is meeting its obligations in all areas—pledge, supply, and work in general. Be prompt!

Note announcements of Jurisdiction Guild Week-end elsewhere in this issue.

Thank you for all you are doing and your continued effort for the Kingdom.

Sincerely,  
Arline

## SUPPLY WORK

Ruth Guthrie (Mrs. T. D.) Conference Chairman

As the Guild year draws to an end, let us not slacken our pace by thinking the journey's end is almost in sight. There remains much ground to be covered before we complete the "second mile" of giving. Again, I urge you to make every effort to meet all askings in full, being sure that they are reported in time to be included on the fourth and final report of the District and Conference Treasurer.

Continue to "PERSONALIZE" Supply Work on all levels through the use of the DO YOU KNOW booklets, visual-aids, correspondence, and personal contacts. Undergird the work and workers of Supply interests or locations by special study and prayer.

A detailed report of the first three quarter periods work was included in the Conference delegate packets. Study this report to determine the possibilities of additional strength. If you did not attend the Conference you certainly missed a treat. The Saturday evening banquet featured Supply Work in a very attractive and impressive way. Two hundred and four persons were in attendance including eight students and Rev. W. M. Stokes, director of Wesley Foundation, La. Tech. Rev. Stokes gave an inspiring talk about the activities at the Foundation, and graciously thanked the Guilds of Louisiana for their support. Christian Fellowship permeated the air throughout the entire Conference.

Plans are under way for Camp Brewer Guild Weekend and the Fall Coaching Conference. Begin arranging for your free time now so you may attend these valuable meetings. Both will prove most helpful in starting off the new year, 1963-1964.

"CASH ASKING'S" will be mailed to you promptly as soon as I receive them for 1963-64, probably in June.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

This year we are observing the 225th anniversary of the "heart warming experience," on Aldersgate Street, of John Wesley. Aldersgate Week is May 19-26 and Aldersgate Day is May 24.

Our churches, through simultaneous revivals, are observing the "heart warming experience" of John Wesley.

As another year for our Wesleyan Service Guild draws to a close and a new year dawns may we enter into it with the resolve that—

1. We will have more Retreats, Quiet Times, and Days Apart.
2. We will continue to strengthen and deepen our prayer Life.
3. We will Witness, Share, and Serve.

4. We will strengthen our Worship Experiences through continued participation in the program of the church.

5. We will Study—the Bible, devotional material, and particularly, our Spiritual Life study "Prayer."

If we will do all of these things and cooperate with our churches in their observance of the Aldersgate experience of John Wesley, perhaps we, too, can experience "revival" and feel our "heart strangely warmed."



REGISTRATION TIME—MRS. SARA KENNON, CHAIRMAN

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE 12th ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

We, the delegates and members of Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild in session for the 12th Annual Meeting at First Methodist Church, Monroe wish to express our sincere appreciation for the inspiration, information and Christian fellowship that have been ours.

We wish to thank First Methodist Church of Monroe; the pastor, the Reverend George W. Harbuck, and the entire church staff for the courtesies and hospitality extended to the Guild.

We express our thanks to Mrs. Gloria Bennett of First Church who acted as General Chairman; and to the local Arrangements Committees on Publicity and Promotion, Registration, Packets, Hospitality, Pages, Ushers, Flowers, the Executive Luncheon, Fellowship Tea, the Banquet, Quiet Breakfast, Sunday Buffet, Corgage for Missions, the Worship Settings and Literature Displays for their preparation and entertainment.

To the musicians, Mrs. Harvey Nelson, Miss Gail Smith, Mrs. Irvie Lee Temple, Mrs. DeWanna Pitts, Mrs. Ruth Stratford, the Wesley Foundation students, we thank you for the ministry of music and the inspiration it gave to us.

We wish to express our thanks to the ministers of Monroe who assisted Reverend Harbuck in administering the sacrament of Communion.

To the Program Chairman, Mrs. Austin Miller, and her Committee, we express our thanks for the fine and inspirational way in which they developed the theme, "Called to be Disciple, Sent to Be Apostles."

Our special thanks to Mrs. Carl Gallaher, for the beautiful and meaningful pledge service.

To our Jurisdiction Secretary, Mrs. Hazel Dabney, whose message on the Conference theme was thought-provoking and challenging we say, "thank you."

Thanks are expressed to Reverend William Stokes for the informative, original and interesting way in which he presented Wesley Foundation at the dinner meeting.

The Reverend Lea Joyner in her Quiet Hour Meditation, challenging Guilders to "fill the gap" was inspirational and deeply appreciated.

The closing address during the Missionary Hour by Miss Caroline Porter, "Guilders Who Answered the Call" was a fitting close to an inspirational week-end. We thank Miss Porter for her message and her presence with us.

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, who serving on the Guild Committee have made a fine contribution and we deeply appreciate their presence and their interest.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hazel F. Cooper, Chm.  
Beverly Biehler  
Jenibe Wesbrook





AT THE FELLOWSHIP TEA

## JURISDICTION GUILD WEEKEND MT. SEQUOYAH—FAYETTEVILLE, LA. JUNE 21-23, 1963

The quota set for each conference has reference to the number housed on the mountain with meals in the cafeteria. The number is unlimited for those who wish to attend the sessions but stay off the mountain and eat in local restaurants. Louisiana's quota is 21. This includes our two elected delegates, conference Secretary, conference president of Woman's Society of Christian Service, and 4 Chairmen of Lines of Work. Our general policy is to accept reservations as they come until quota is met. Reservations must be made through Conference Secretary.

### The Cost is:

\$4.85 for each person staying on the mountain (housing and registration. Meals not included).

\$1.85 for each person staying off the mountain. ALL who attend any meeting or part of the program MUST pay this. Each person staying off the mountain must make her own reservation at a hotel or motel of her choice.

The deadline for the Conference Secretary to send in reservations WITH MONEY is May 25th. Be sure to get your reservation in early.

### Send to:

Arline Tyler  
702 E. Washington  
Shreveport, Louisiana

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur, Chairman

Greetings to each and all of you as we continue in the work of Christian Social Relations.

I have received a communication from Catherine Whitmore, South Central Jurisdiction Chairman and she recommends that members of the W.S.G.:

1. Continue to emphasize the study and support of the U.N. and its agencies.
2. Carefully study and ratify, if possible, the Charter of Racial Policies and begin to implement its provisions.
3. Continue to plan and hold seminars on Christian Citizenship or Workshops on Legislation.

I would like suggestions from my District Chairmen on how they are making the Christian Social Relation programs come alive, that we may share this with other District Chairmen.

Do you, as Unit Chairmen, have any suggestions for changes on the Report Blank? If so, write me at once and I will submit it to Division.

The W.S.C.S. Citizenship Dinner was a delightful experience for me at Conference. The tables were beautiful, depicting the flags of all the nations, globes and the Red, White, and Blue.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey spoke. She said there are many explosive issues now confronting us, yes—but if the Church doesn't study them, who will? If the Church isn't interested, is the Pentagon interested?

In your Study of the Charter on Racial Policies, Division does



6 of the 8 DISTRICT SECRETARIES WITH THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY. From left to right: Mrs. Janie Phillips, Mrs. Louise Paldrige, Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Sue Batton, Mrs. Bessie Fairley, Miss Jerry Beck and Miss Laura Lynch

not wish to speak "for you" but "to you". We are citizens of the WORLD and we believe that God want basic rights for all people. Some stories we hear need to be investigated, for half-truths blown up into full truths are dividing us.

Lord, give us faith & strength the road to build,  
To see the promise of the day fulfilled,  
When war shall be no more and strife shall cease  
Upon the highway of the Prince of Peace.

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD BUDGET 1963-64

Officers' Expenses	\$350.00
Annual Spring Meeting	400.00
Conference Guild Weekend	100.00
Mid-Year Committee Meeting and Coaching Conference	150.00
Jurisdiction Guild Weekend	150.00
Jurisdiction & Division Cultivation	190.00
Jurisdiction School of Mission	170.00
Guild Times	100.00
Committees	70.00
Miscellaneous	120.00
	<b>\$1800.00</b>

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE PLEDGE TO MISSIONS 1963-1964

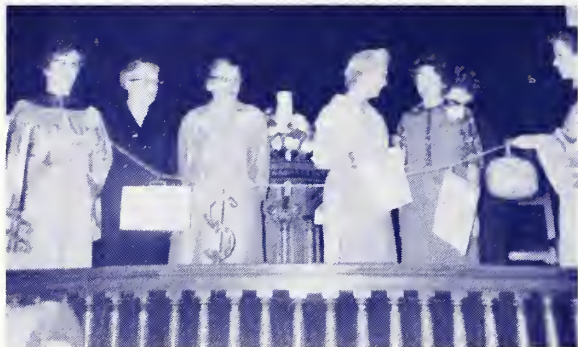
	Pledge 1962-63	Increase	Pledge 1963-64
Alexandria	1,900.00	52.00	1,952.00
Baton Rouge	2,650.00	73.00	2,723.00
Lafayette	1,050.00	29.00	1,079.00
Lake Charles	2,100.00	58.00	2,158.00
Monroe	2,300.00	63.00	2,363.00
New Orleans	2,250.00	62.00	2,312.00
Ruston	2,250.00	62.00	2,312.00
Shreveport	2,950.00	21.00	3,031.00
	<b>17,450.00</b>	<b>480.00</b>	<b>17,930.00</b>

## IN APPRECIATION

My heart is filled with gratitude for your kindness and thoughtfulness during my recent bereavement. The loneliness from Mother's going was made more bearable because of your words of sympathy and encouragement as expressed by telegrams, cards, notes, and In Remembrance gifts. My family joins me in saying to you as individuals, local units, conferences, and districts, thank you and God bless each of you.

Love,  
Arline





CHAIRMAN OF LINES OF WORK PRESENT THEIR REPORTS

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Agnes Miller, (Mrs. Austin), Conference Chairman

Conference has come and gone, and it was a wonderful experience from the point of view of Missions. Our giving was increased by almost three hundred dollars. The sale of Corsages for Missions realized \$100.00. This was the responsibility of Annie Seidenspinner and Mary Lee Barbee of Monroe. The offering at the communion service, which was given for Missions, realized \$185.59 more. Guilders were truly thinking of others who need prayers and financial help from all of us.

Of special beauty was the Pledge Service, conducted by Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Treasurer of the Woman's Society. Most of the Pledge is also directed to Missions. The theme of LIGHT was fittingly carried out by a candle lighting service while the glorious voice of Gail Smith sang "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain" from the MESSIAH. A total pledge of \$17,930.00 was accepted by the District Secretaries.

Miss Caroline Porter, a retired deaconess from Tujunga, California, spoke at the Missionary Hour on Sunday morning. Her message told of Guilders who had gone into full service around the world. Miss Porter had been privileged to know them at their work on her travels to mission fields since her retirement. Her message was truly a point of high inspiration on which to close the conference.

As this issue of GUILD TIMES goes to press, the number of JR credits has risen to fifty. Many more will be reported during the closing months of this conference year. Also Guilders take many studies that do not meet JR requirements. The number runs roughly two to one. Let's keep on studying and try to have AT LEAST ONE JR CREDIT IN EVERY GUILD THIS YEAR.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Sara Wadsworth, District Secretary

Baton Rouge District has had varied experiences this quarter.

On January 27, 1963, the district enjoyed a Citizenship Brunch in Amite, La. Mrs. Flora Tauzin was in charge. Dr. Arden O. French, Dean of men at Louisiana State University was the guest speaker. Fifteen of eighteen guilds were represented.

A number of guilds report having had a most inspiring study course.

Most of the local units participated in the Week of Prayer and Self Denial.

Some units have had their elections for new officers.

We feel that God has blessed us tremendously and that our work in missions is progressing nicely.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. Bessie Fairley, District Secretary

This has been a busy year for me, working with the seven units in Lafayette District: Abbeville, Crowley, Houma, Lafayette, New Iberia, Opelousas and Rayne. We have had a nice increase in membership.

Most of the units have been working on the studies. Several have worked for Jurisdiction Recognition. They have cooperated with the WSCS in taking the Church-wide study. At the present time several units are having the prayer course.

A new officer was added to the District Committee—Chairman of Supply Work. Edna Wattigny has promoted Supply Work



MISS ARLINE TYLER, CONFERENCE SECRETARY; MRS. BOOTS GUTHRIE, RECORDING SECRETARY

in a very fine way so we feel sure that we shall have all supply askings paid in full.

Several units have sent information on Guild Month.

Houma, one of our newest Guilds, had a festive for the Guild members and guests. Two of the Guild members had spent the summer of 1962 in Europe. They showed colored slides of the Scandinavian countries, England, Germany, France, Italy and Switzerland. They also had displays or articles purchased in different countries.

Lafayette Guild met with the WSCS. The WSCS entertained the Guild with a tea before the meeting. The lovely cake was in green and gold trimmed with the words "Wesleyan Service Guild." Hermine Tate led the program on "Guild Promotion." This was in the form of a panel discussion giving the work at local, district, conference and jurisdiction levels. They also had some reference to Guild in the Church bulletin each week in January. Posters were used in several places calling attention to Guild month.

The New Iberia Unit designated January 20th as Guild Sunday at which time the Guild was recognized at the 8:30 service. Mrs. R. E. Friend who serves as Missionary Education Chairman of the local unit was presented a life membership pin at this service. On January the 22nd a fellowship supper was held featuring a very interesting program on Missions. The WSCS entertained the Guild with a tea in the home of Mrs. Beldon Fox, Sr. on Guild Sunday.

The Opelousas Guild observed their 18th Anniversary with a covered dish supper. Employed women of the church who were not Guild members were invited guests. At this meeting two new members were received into the unit. The guest speaker was Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations. Her topic was "Why I am A GUILD MEMBER."

On Friday, January 25th the Opelousas Guild was fortunate to have Dr. Esther Shoemaker, medical Missionary to Kolar India, present a program. We had WSCS and WSG members from Opelousas, Lafayette, and New Iberia. Dr. Shoemaker spoke and showed slides of her interesting work along with Dr. Vela Cleveland at the Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital in Kolar.

We are making plans for our District meeting to be held in Abbeville on April 21. We would be pleased to have out-of-district guests to share with us in the program which will feature Mrs. Helen Adams Preston as speaker. Meet with us at 2:00 o'clock that Sunday afternoon, won't you?

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Laura Lynch, District Secretary

Guild Month was observed by most of the Guilds in the Lake Charles District. There was a joint meeting with the Woman's Society at the First Methodist Church in Leesville. The Guild served as hostess. Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, was the guest speaker, using as her subject, "The Importance of the Wesleyan Service Guild Program." A Christmas box of packages was the Guild's over-and-above offering to Epworth Village, York, Nebraska.

The Jennings Guild, in preparation for the Easter observance and for the revival services to be held March 24-29, held a devotional service accompanied by a sacrificial meal. An offering for missions was taken.

On April 9 the Guild will entertain the Woman's Society of Jennings and both the Guild and Woman's Society of Lake Arthur. Mrs. G. W. Pomeray will review the study, "Today's Children for (Continued on Page Five)





MRS. RUTH GUTHRIE PRESENTS SUPPLY WORK AT BANQUET; REV. WILLIAM STOKES, GUEST SPEAKER

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

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Tomorrow's World." A social period will follow the book presentation.

Officers for 1963-64 are:

President—Miss Mary M. Shafer; Vice President—Mrs. Herbert Buck; Recording Secretary—Miss Doris Shell; Treasurer—Mrs. Jessie Knight; Secretary of Promotion—Miss Eula Shove; Coordinator—Mrs. W. F. Mayo.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, have elected their officers for the ensuing year. They are:

President—Miss Katherine Bower; Vice President — Mrs. Olive Weaver; Recording Secretary—Miss Billie Houston; Secretary of Promotion—Miss Frances Willard; Treasurer—Mrs. Belva Gochenour; Coordinator—Mrs. J. R. Miles.

Members of the unit assisted with the revivals held in the church.

A contribution to Elton Indians' Christmas Party Fund was made by the Lake Arthur unit.

The Julia Reid Unit, First Church, Lake Charles, has given Life Memberships recently. Special consideration has also been given to Vela Cleveland.

A joint meeting of the Susie Jones and Maye Youngblood units of the DeRidder First Methodist Church was held in observance of Guild Month. Both units have elected their officers for the coming year.

Officers for the Gueyden unit are:

President—Mrs. Harris Johnston; Vice President—Mrs. J. J. Gillentine; Recording Secretary—Miss Mildred Curtis; Secretary of Promotion—Miss Mildred Curtis; Treasurer—Missie Doss; Coordinator—Mrs. A. T. Hair.

Six of the Wesleyan Service Guilds were represented at the Guild Spring Conference, Monroe, Louisiana on March 16-17.

The Spring Meeting of the Lake Charles District Guilds is scheduled for April 28, at the First Methodist Church in Lake Charles with members of the Julia Reid Unit under the leadership of Mrs. E. H. Oakley as hostess. Mrs. Pomeroy will be the guest speaker.

A meeting of the District Guild Committee is calendared for March 21.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. M. W. (Janie) Phillips, District Secretary

Monroe District is well on its way to completing a successful and profitable year. All the units have elected new officers and have reported them. Thanks for your promptness. Some of the Guilds have new officers, and some have elected the same ones. This is good, for the second year officers sometimes do more effective work because of their familiarity with the proceedings.

The date for our DISTRICT SPRING MEETING has been set for April 28 in Tallulah. Let us make an effort to make this the largest and best year.

It is good to note the activity of Guilders in the program of the church. Many teach classes, sing in the choir, are leaders of the M.Y.F. group, and contribute in many other ways. This is as it should be. Guilders must be leaders.

The Lake Providence Guild reports plans for a joint meeting with W.S.C.S. in the form of a covered dish dinner on March 26. Your District Secretary will be guest speaker at that time.

It is too bad that inclement weather caused Mer Rouge Guild



REV. LEA JOYNER SPEAKER AT QUIET BREAKFAST

to have to cancel its joint meeting with W.S.C.S. and Morning Circle. Mrs. Martha Overbey was to be guest speaker. She will go to them at a later date.

The Fairbanks-Sterlington unit has done a magnificent job of furnishing their new parsonage. I hear their Christmas dinner was really something.

Fannye Thompson has added another degree to her name. She received her Master's degree in January. The current Rayville president is also doing graduate work. There's no wonder they're doing so well.

Keep up the good work, Gordon Avenue. Your reports are wonderful. Too bad the snow prevented my visiting you in February.

Monroe Guilds really did themselves proud preparing for the Conference. Gloria Bennett is to be commended for her excellent organization of committees and the execution of the plans. Not a bobble was visible.

All of you keep working hard in the name of our Master.

Sincerely,  
Janie

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mrs. Milton C. (Louise) Baldridge, District Secretary

The Book Review and Christmas Tea on December 2nd was well attended and enjoyed by all. Each person brought a Christmas Gift which was sent to Pastor L. Buen Methodist Kindergarten, Brownsville, Texas.

The District joined the United Church Women observing the "World Day of Prayer" at First Methodist Church. The guest speaker was Dr. Carl F. Lueg, District Superintendent.

A District-Wide Study—Dimensions of Prayer—was held in March at four Methodist Churches, with the respective Ministers participating. This was a very interesting Study.

The Annual District Meeting will be held on April 17, 1963 at Parker Memorial Methodist Church. The speaker will be Miss Jenny Mo Horton.

A Tour—MacDonell Methodist Center—has been planned for April 28th by the Missionary Education Chairman.

Officers Training Day will be held on May 19th.

CARLTON (Epworth)—Ethel Redditt, Reporter. The Spring Meeting was attended by eight members from our Guild. Much was learned and the fellowship was great, as always.

SECOND METHODIST—Mildred Evans, Reporter. We have recently gained a new member, Mrs. Jay Daigle. We will have the study on "Prayer" in our Guild during the month of April. Our delegate to the Spring Meeting this year was Azilda Evans.

GENTILLY—Lillian Carlin, Reporter. In January, Guild Month, the W.S.C.S. met with us for a lovely inspirational meeting. We are hoping many more such meetings will be held.

MUNHOLLAND No. 1—June Smith, Reporter. This past spring the Guild donated \$100.00 to our church Organ Fund. Five members attended the Spring Meeting. All had a marvelous time and met many wonderful people. We are happy to report that Opal Looby is recovering from her recent illness with great speed.

PARKER MEMORIAL—Lelia Nugier, Reporter. Irene Black represented our Guild at the Spring Meeting in Monroe this past month.

ST MATTHEWS—"Skip" Brown, Reporter. The Guild is in the process of making "Praying Hands" plaques for the elderly ladies of the Poydras Home for the Aged. These will be given to the ladies at Easter time. We are providing "Daily Devotionals" for the church congregation to be used during the Lenten Season.

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## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

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son. As a climax to these devotionals, the Guild will provide the Altar flowers on Easter Sunday.

**ST LUKES**—Kathryn Mullet, Reporter. Our delegate to the Spring Meeting was Carol Kinabrew.

**FIRST METHODIST**—Marguerite Walls, Reporter. Observance of Guild Month was held in January. The entire Guild sat together in a body at the morning service wearing attractive yellow corsages with ribbons of blue and gold, the Guild colors.

The Guild was privileged to have as their guest and speaker in February, Miss Elma Ashby, Missionary, South Rhodesia.

March has been a busy month for all Guilders. We have been attending the wonderful study course on "Dimensions of Prayer" held at the various churches. The Annual Spring Meeting in Monroe was thoroughly enjoyed by the two delegates attending, Mrs. Ruby Torres, and Miss Marguerite Walls. Also from the Guild attending were Mrs. Lester Beard and Mrs. Agnes Lawien.

We are indebted to Miss Elizabeth Lowrey of Mansfield for the snapshots taken at the Spring Meeting. There were many others, but those selected give you a cross-section of the work of the conference. Our thanks to Elizabeth for this contribution to Guild Times.

(The editor)

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Sue Batton, District Secretary

A review of the work for the three quarters of 1962-63 shows progress. We have a membership of two hundred fifty (250) comprising eleven (11) units. Our pledge to Missions in the amount of \$2,250.00 will be overpaid, as some \$2,000.00 has been received the first three quarters on appropriations. The Supply askings have been met.

There has been much emphasis upon the enrichment of spiritual life through the programs and through the Missionary Education studies. The number of Jurisdiction Credits has been increased. Some studies were carried on as Church-wide activities. The Guild units participating received Jurisdiction or Efficiency credit.

Many Guild units cooperated with the Woman's Society of Christian Service in observing the Week of Prayer.

Guild month was observed by all local Units. Special programs, fellowship suppers and receptions marked the observances. Also, there were joint dinners with Women's Society of Christian Service.

A district coaching conference was held at Caney Lake in October, with all phases of Guild work presented in a very interesting and helpful manner.

Several of the district and local members attended Guild Week-end at Camp Brewer in July, and many assisted with Clinics and work-shops.

Two district officers attended the coaching conference at Camp Brewer in September and assisted in presenting the program.

We are well pleased with the Guild interest in Ruston District, and we are very busy promoting all phases of the Guild work, and are pleased that we are doing **QUALITY WORK IN THE DISTRICT.**



BEE SANDEFUR, C.S.R. CHAIRMAN; MILDRED EVANS, SPIRITUAL LIFE CHAIRMAN

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Jerry Beck, District Secretary

The new year found the Shreveport District busily engaged in many activities, beginning with the Guild Dinner, hosted by Broadmoor Church on January 18. Some 140 guests were present. Sybil Kelly is to be commended for her excellent promotion of the GUILD TIMES contest. She presented subscriptions to the GUILD TIMES to the winners. Many members copped first place for 100 per cent subscriptions; Mangum Unit I and Plain Dealing took second and third place, respectively, for the greatest increase in their total number of subscriptions. Sybil also displayed material from various units to be compiled in a district scrapbook.

WYNN Church was host to the third quarterly district committee meeting on Sunday afternoon, February 10. There, final plans were made for the district week end, to be held at Caney Lake near Minden on May 4-5. Featured among the activities for the week end will be a coaching conference for all incoming officers, a conference hour, vespers, quiet breakfast, crafts, worship service, and a program on youth and recruitment. The general session will also elect a district chairman of spiritual life. Prior to the official opening, the district committee will meet for their fourth quarterly session.

On April 26, the district is scheduled to hear Miss Jenny Mo Horton discuss the needs and opportunities for professionally qualified women in missionary and deaconess service. Host for this informal discussion will be the BROADMOOR Unit.

The district secretary and her "right hand," Elizabeth Lowrey, will have visited all the local units in the district by the end of May. These meetings have been a special privilege to them both. Old acquaintances have been renewed and new friends made. They have also demonstrated the individual patterns of operation, as well as the many significant similarities in all existing Guild work. With a prepared flip chart, the district secretary has attempted to re-acquaint Guilders with their history, the purpose of their work, and the organizational make up, from the local through the divisional level.

The Shreveport District was well represented at the annual Conference in Monroe. Elizabeth Lowrey managed to "snap" almost every phase of the well-planned activities. It is with sincere appreciation that we commend the Monroe District for a most informative and inspirational meeting. We look forward to still another memorable experience in Lafayette in '64.

A final survey of the district for this past year would not be complete without special recognition where it is due. Though I hesitate to be personal, I feel I must. All of you are aware of my inexperience in Guild work. The district certainly was at election time last spring, but on Elizabeth Lowrey's faith, they willingly placed their confidence. And her faith and constant support has made all things possible for us. Even as I write this report by her bedside in the hospital I am aware of her concern for me—for you—and for our work. She has been waiting all week for the pictures from conference, and is anxious for me to get them off with my report today, since they came in this morning. She was hospitalized when we returned from Monroe with a bleeding ulcer and anemia. After six pints of blood, a week here and some future

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caution, the doctor thinks that she is going to be all right, thank God.

My thanks also go to our district officers: Frances Bennett, Sybil Kelly, Mildred Kee, Emma Pattillo, Hazel Cooper, and Estelle Jones. Their enthusiasm, cooperation and willingness to go that extra mile have proved invaluable in carrying on and promoting new phases of our work. I wish that all of you could know and love them as I do. They have at all times made my job a special privilege rather than a duty.

But none of our hopes or planning for the district would have been possible without the individual members in all the units. They have not only accepted our ideas, but have attempted in every way to promote interest, to increase membership, to develop spiritually, and to make real the purposes of the Guild. Their attendance at meetings, and their enthusiasm once there, is overwhelming. What a joy to work along side them. May each one be rewarded with new strength, hope and comfort for her dedication to God's work.

And though mentioned last, by no means least, are the ladies of the W.S.C.S. who have been so faithful to us. They have not only attended and taken part in all our committee and general meetings, but have offered support and help in our activities and projects. In short, they have lived the tie that should exist between the W.S.C.S. and the W.S.G. What more could I say? They are a needed, vital part of our total work—and have proved this and more. May the spirit of their cooperativeness spread itself throughout our conference.

## MISS VICKI WORD, LEESVILLE, RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Your editor is late in recognizing the Wesleyan Service Guild Annual Gertrude E. Daubs Memorial Scholarship award in the Leesville Methodist Church. She also regrets that we are not showing the picture of this very attractive young lady but the following article tells us much about the winning characteristics of Miss Vicki Word. A bit late, to be sure, but we wager that Vicki is still carrying on in the same capable and efficient manner. We also congratulate this active Guild that makes this annual award to one of their promising young women. We are sure that they watch these young women as they avail themselves of so fine a Scholarship.

Miss Vicki Word, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Word, was the recipient of the fifth annual Gertrude E. Daubs Memorial Scholarship awarded by the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church of Leesville.

Vicki "grew up" in the Methodist Sunday School, has held local and district offices in the Methodist Youth Foundation, and is a member of the church choir.

She plans to attend Centenary College and has been accepted for the choir there.

She has been an honor roll student throughout her school years; was elected Miss Leesville High School in 1960; served as cheerleader for two years; was a member of the school Spanish, Speech, and Beta Clubs; attended Pelican Girls State in 1961; was a member of the staff of the school annual, The Wampus Cat, where she served as business manager and feature editor; and was a Holly Ball duchess.

Vicki also took an active part in music at school. She was a member of the band and sang in the girls' glee club, sextet and trio, winning district and state honors. She also sang in the school chorus, was a member of the Pep squad, a member of the Future Teachers Association, and won honors as a speaker before several of the local civic clubs when she spoke in the school's "Communism versus Americanism" program.

## DISTRICT SECRETARIES ON THE JOB

Several of our District Secretaries are publishing news letters which they send to their local Guild officers. Bessie Fairley of the Lafayette District, Louise Baldrige of New Orleans District and Jerry Beck of Shreveport District include the Guild Times editor on their mailing list. Janie Phillips of Monroe District sends letters to each local president. The success of Guild work in our conference rests largely upon the shoulders of the district officers. Keeping in touch with local Guilds through the district officers is a must. We will continue to grow in number and in strength as long as we have such fine district personnel to show us the way.

## MISS JENNY MO HORTON, DEACONESS VISITS LOUISIANA

Some Guild members of the conference have had the pleasure of meeting and hearing Miss Jenny Mo Horton as she itinerated in Louisiana in each district during the month of April with the Woman's Society of Christian Service in their district meetings. We were fortunate in hearing her tell of the needs and opportunities for professionally qualified women in deaconess and missionary work.

Among our Guilds in Louisiana there are many women, some young and some not so young, who might find a place of full-time Christian Service for the needs are many. Miss Horton's record to date is a challenge to each of us to speak a word for recruitment and perhaps to assist in inlisting someone in the work of the vineyard where the needs are increasingly many and the challenge is so great.

From 1950-53 Miss Horton was a special-term missionary (LA-3) in Brazil where she taught at Colegio Isabela Hendrix at Belo Horizonte. After completing her work in Brazil she returned home by way of Europe where she visited Protestant Church Projects.

She was educational assistant at the First Methodist Church, San Fernando, California from 1954-56. Since August 1957 she has served as Director of Christian Education at the La Mesa Methodist Church in La Mesa, California.

Born at Redlands, California, where Jenny Mo spent her early life she studied four years at University of Redlands, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in education. She has done graduate study at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. and at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois.

Commissioned as a deaconess at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, in 1959, Jenny Mo has been serving as secretary of the Southern California-Arizona Conference Deaconess Board, and has participated actively in the district work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

## GO WORK IN MY VINEYARD

"He...saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?... He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard" (Matt. 20:1-16).

The vineyard of the Lord is great, the laborers are few,  
Oh, ye who stand outside and wait, the Master calls for you;  
Oh, haste the summons to obey, nor slight the earnest call,  
Go labor ere life's day be spent and evening shadows fall.

Lo! Some have toiled since early morn beneath the glowing sun,  
And while you've idled time away, have golden laurels won;  
Go join them now, the faithful few, who've borne the heat of day,  
They need the help that you can give, no longer then delay.

Say not there's nothing you can do, or that your strength is small,  
For He who calls you to the work has plenteous grace for all;  
Though in yourself but weakness lies and all your efforts fail,  
Relying on His Word alone you ever must prevail.

Then haste the summons to obey for swift the moments fly,  
And soon the home call clear and sweet will ring through earth and sky;

With joyful hearts the sound we'll hail, if trophies we may bring,  
Then labor lest with empty hands you greet your glorious King.

Go work in my vineyard,  
Go work in my vineyard,  
Oh, who will heed the call?

—Author unknown

## OVER THE COFFEE CUPS

Does your Guild receive a copy of "Over the Coffee Cups" from MacDonell School at Houma? You might ask to be on their mailing list so you can become better acquainted with our school activities there. The last issue was very informative. For your information, you can borrow from MacDonell School their slides and script for one of your programs. Write MacDonell Methodist Center, P. O. Box 270, Houma, Louisiana.

CAMP BREWER WEEKEND is scheduled for the weekend of July 12-13-14. Since there are limited facilities for the large number of Guilders who want to attend the weekend we urge that ALL GUILDS work toward representation and make your reservations early...as soon as you receive information on costs, etc.



## IN MEMORIAM

Miss Gwen Boyett, member of Oakdale Guild, died August 18, 1962.

Mr. Thorp Gordon, brother of Mrs. Estelle Currie, member of Baton Rouge First Church Guild.

Mrs. Tyler, mother of our Conference Secretary, Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport, passed away February 23rd.

(There have been other deaths among our Guild members and their immediate families, but not reported to the editor)

## PERIOD PIECES

An old-time printer had his own quaint rule for punctuation. "I set type as long as I can hold my breath," he explained, "then I put in a comma. When I yawn I put in a semicolon. And when I want a chew of tobacco I make a paragraph."... Fred Allen always used to type out his letters in lower case, following the fashion of Don Marquis's immortal cockroach archy who had neither the strength nor weight to depress the shift key necessary to type out capital letters. When Allen was asked why he never used the capitals on his typewriter, he answered, "I have never learned to shift for myself."

—Evan Esar, Humorous English (Horizon)  
Readers Digest

Miss Sybil Kelly, Publicity Chairman for Shreveport District, sent in some interesting pictures and an excellent news article which we are not using in this issue. You might see the pictures in the next issue. Thanks, Sybil.

Mrs. Willie Ray Jones of New Orleans writes that she has moved to Derby, Connecticut to make her home with her daughter, BUT she wanted to continue getting Guild Times, so her \$1.00 was enclosed. Louisiana Guilders will miss you, Willie Ray.

Have you subscribed to Methodist Woman and/or World Outlook. These two publications will keep you informed and inspired. You really can't be a well organized Guild without Methodist Woman and the inspiration that you will get as you review each copy of World Outlook.

## VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

Dear Guilders and friends:

The following is not "from" Vela, but I think you will want to read it anyway. Your editor has not heard from Vela for several months and since we are half-a-world away I do not know the latest news.

Maree White of Opelousas writes that Dr. Esther Shoemaker visited them in late January while in the States. She spoke of the new ambulance and the water-well that the hospital had acquired with money contributed by friends in Louisiana and Florida. Vela had spoken of the great need for an ambulance and they had had to haul water to the hospital before acquiring the well on the hospital property. Both were very much needed and deeply appreciated. Vela sent her thanks through Miss Shoemaker to the Guilds and members of the Woman's Society of the Louisiana Conference.

Emma Kuntz of New Orleans sent me two news clippings which I am passing on to you. They came from Mr. Cleveland's newspaper in Fort Meade, Florida, now published by his son, Vela's brother.

(This paragraph clipped from the news): "Vela Cleveland ran against a sharp corrugated roofing, cutting a deep gash just below her left eye, which required two stitches." We do not have the date of this accident, so we hope that Vela is entirely recovered from the injury.

The following editorial speaks for itself. Mr. Cleveland is very ill at this time and his courage and Christian faith even now sustains him and his loved ones. Without having secured his permission or Vela's consent, I am quoting this editorial that Mr. Cleveland carried in his column "By the Way":

"BY THE WAY  
By ALC

"When you have a checkup and the doctor tells you that you have cancer, and that you probably would not live long... that sort of news is hard to take, a fact hard to realize, but almost as hard to take is the fact that friends don't want to talk about it; this makes it difficult; I'd just as soon not talk about it either, but the fact that this subject is avoided sort of makes the victim feel stifled

and alone... perhaps it is all out of sense of delicacy. This fact of possible death does take some getting used to, even though we have been preparing for it since life began. We must re-evaluate the outlook on life, hoping it will discover life as being much easier. May we all learn to take one day at a time; make each day worthwhile and leave next week and next year to take care of its own worries. This really should promise a relief, too. A friend wrote recently that "God does not send us anything we cannot bear," and Marcus Aurelius said "The pain which is intolerable carries us off, but that which lasts a long time is tolerable." Down through the years the burdens, pains and sorrows have always been bearable—the sooner we all learn this verity the better it will be for us. Fortunately, so far I have not had a great deal of pain or suffering in connection with my malignancy, which is at the base of the brain and the left side of the neck... my faith is wholly in my God... I've put my life in the hands of His skilled specialists and in the marvelous Cobalt therapy and I believe I will be spared many years yet in this world, for "This is my Father's World." But whether with the cooperation with skilled doctors and technicians I conquer this disease, or whether it conquers me, we—my Lord and I—will have done our best, and God's will is my will. Right now, I'm at the cross-roads, facing a crisis—the prayers, cards, notes, letters, flowers, food and visits of relatives and friends have been marvelous in sustaining me during these days of uncertainty of life or death."

## GUILD TIMES' TENTH ANNIVERSARY

This is our 10th Anniversary with GUILD TIMES. Though we have not reached our goal of 800 subscriptions, we are still growing and, maybe, at the end of the 10th Anniversary we can still reach a goal already set. To date we have 740 paid subscribers from 86 Guilds.

I need not tell you that this issue comes to you one month late. During the past five months your editor has had many adjustments to make. While I knew full well that my sister, Frances, was daily slipping away from this life and into her eternal home I thought that I would be ready to give her up and that the days ahead would gradually fall into place. But physical exhaustion and the many undefinable experiences that followed were more difficult than I had believed. Just when I thought I could again take up my many interests the flu walked in and for several weeks I wasn't worth a thin dime. Even had to miss every bit of the conference right here in my home town.

But during these months the wonderful letters, the cards of sympathy from almost every Guild in the conference, the many, many expressions of your love and affection and the many ways in which you expressed your love for me undergirded me with strength and faith. I have not written you individually as yet, but please know that your love has sustained me and that I am now eager to do my work wherever I may be needed.

Missing Frances is almost a constant experience because we were always together but she fought a good fight and to the very end she went her way, few people knowing that her days were numbered. Dorothy Van Doren expressed her likeness in "Words To Live By" when she wrote: Once when St. Frances was working in his garden, someone asked him what he would do if he were suddenly to learn that he would die at sunset that day. He replied: "I would finish hoeing my garden."

So please know that your words of sympathy meant much to me and express my appreciation to your Guild members. After this issue GUILD TIMES will be on time. If some items are missing, or some activities not reported, please have your district secretary include it in her next report.

Boost Guild Times at your District meetings and be ready, when you come to Camp Brewer in July, to subscribe for 1963-64.

Your Editor,  
Elizabeth Langford

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## 17th GUILD WEEK END—CAMP BREWER

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### PROGRAM



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#### FRIDAY EVENING JULY 12

Registration Begins (Dining Porch) . . . . . Mrs. Jack (Winnifred) Gregory

Fellowship and Sack Supper  
Slides and Singing . . . . . Mrs. Austin (Agnes) Miller  
Closing Meditation . . . . . In each Cabin

#### SATURDAY, JULY 13

6:00 A. M. Rising Bell  
6:30 Coffee  
7:00 Morning Watch at Vesper Point — Miss Marilyn Carter  
7:30 Breakfast  
8:00 Registration Continues (Dining Porch)—Mrs. Jack (Winnifred) Gregory  
Committee Meetings  
Literature Room—Mrs. Warren (Alice) Orr and Miss Grace Lawson  
Crafts—Miss Emma Kuntz  
9:30 Briefing Assembly—Miss Arline Tyler  
9:45 Clinics  
A. Missionary Education—Mrs. Austin (Agnes) Miller  
B. Spiritual Life — Miss Mildred A. Evans, Miss Mildred Kee  
C. Christian Social Relations—Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur, Mrs. Minza Rabun  
D. Supply and Treasurers—Mrs. T. D. (Ruth) Guthrie, Mrs. Carl (Hazel) Gallaher  
E. Recording Secretaries—Mrs. T. D. (Boots) Guthrie, Jr., Mrs. George H. (Kathryn) Thomas  
F. Presidents, Promotion Secretaries, and District Secretaries—Miss Arline Tyler  
G. Vice Presidents—Mrs. C. G. (Emma) Mainous, Miss Sara Wadsworth

10:30 Evaluation of Clinics  
10:45 Coffee Break  
11:00 Workshops—  
1. Missionary Partnership Overseas and Christian Unity  
2. Equality of People and World Peace—Mrs. George W. (Estelle) Dameron  
3. Population Control—Mrs. Carl (Mildred) Brunson  
12:00 (Noon) Camp Picture  
12:15 P. M. Lunch  
1:00 Registration Continues (Dining Porch)  
1:45 First General Assembly—Miss Arline Tyler, Presiding  
Hymn No. 458—"We Thank Thee Lord"  
Opening Meditation—Miss Sue Batton  
Introductions, Announcements, etc.  
Guild Times—Miss Elizabeth Langford  
Guild Hymn  
2:45 Presentation of Studies  
"The Christian Family and Its Money"—Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur  
"The Christian Mission in Southeast Asia" — Mrs. Austin (Agnes) Miller  
District Meetings  
3:20 Supper  
6:15 Vespers at Vesper Point—Mrs. J. Douglas (Marilyn) Hudson  
7:00 Second General Assembly—Miss Arline Tyler Presiding  
7:45 Worship in Song—  
Miss Jeraldine (Jerry) Beck—Song Leader  
Mrs. J. Douglas (Marilyn) Hudson—Pianist  
Echoes from Mt. Sequoyah—Miss Arline Tyler  
Sharing Time—(Leaders of Workshops)  
8:45 Snacks and Fellowship  
9:15 Circle of Prayer and Love—Mrs. Charles (Alberta) Salmons

RETURN TO CABINS IN SILENCE

#### SUNDAY, JULY 14

6:00 A. M. Rising Bell  
6:30 Coffee  
6:45 Quiet Walk to Communion at Vesper Point  
Holy Communion—Rev. Louis Friedrich  
Breakfast  
7:30 Third General Assembly—Miss Arline Tyler, Presiding  
8:30 Presentation of Studies—  
"Teachings Toward Christian Perfection" — Miss Mildred Kee  
"The Changing City Challenges the Church"—Mrs. T. D. (Ruth) Guthrie  
Guild Hymn  
Business Meeting  
Evaluation of Guild Week End  
Leisure Time  
9:20 Morning Worship—Miss Mildred A. Evans, Presiding  
10:30 Prelude—Mrs. J. Douglas (Marilyn) Hudson  
11:00 Invocation  
Hymn No. 458—"We Thank Thee Lord"  
Responsive Reading

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# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Dear Co-Workers:

The 1962-63 Guild year has become history. On the asset side of the ledger, we find: continued and increased training of local officers; deep spiritual growth through worship and Retreats; well attended meetings with 26 attending Jurisdiction Guild Weekend; 193 at our conference Guild Weekend; 41 at the coaching conference; 348 in district coaching conferences; 205 in full attendance at our spring meeting. On the financial pages, I note: \$18,494.31 on appropriations; \$2,449.46 on cash for Supply work; \$1,571.47 for Week of Prayer offering; \$64.50 as supplementary giving; and \$7,228.33 to local church activities. On the debit side we find MEMBERSHIP STUDIES, and REPORTING. MEMBERSHIP through new Guilds and increased membership in already organized Units needs to be our No. 1 concern; REPORTING needs to be more prompt and more accurate as well as on prescribed report forms. STUDY is a must for our growth; plan your study courses, using approved studies, early and make it depth study by achieving Jurisdiction Recognition.

Some of us will attend the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, June 21-29. Every conference office, except recording secretary, will be reported in the School of Missions. We plan to share these vitamins with you at Camp Brewer.

What the Jurisdiction School of Missions is to the conference officers, the conference School of Missions can be to the local Guilders. This will be held at Centenary, August 5-9. Encourage attendance form your local Guild.

Begin now to plan to attend Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer, July 12-14. Clinics, Workshops, Crafts, studies, panels, and inspiring worship and messages will be offered through the program planned.

Thank you for your service, your gifts, and the fine spirit in which you have worked to make it a good year. May we use our assets as strength and our debits as challenges in making 1963-64 an even greater year in building a world Christian community.

Love,  
Arline

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The Apostle's Creed  
Gloria Patri  
Prayer  
Doxology  
Offertory  
Solo—"I Asked The Lord"—John Lange  
Miss Jeraldine (Jerry) Beck  
Message—Reverend Woodrow Hearne  
Hymn No. 267—"Rise Up, O Men of God"  
Guild Benediction  
12:15 P. M. Dinner  
Adjournment

REGISTRATION FOR CAMP BREWER: Each Guild president has received registration sheets and many have already registered. If you have not sent in your registration, mail it to MRS. JACK GREGORY, 1918 9th Street, LAKE CHARLES. Send \$1.25 pre-registration fee (Total cost of Guild Weekend—\$6.00)

Bring your own sheets, pillow, towels, etc. Bring your bathing suit, camera and electric fan. If you have a large electric fan that can be used in the tabernacle it will help to place fans at convenient locations. We have also found that the light-weight aluminum folding chairs come in handy. Put one or more in your car if you have room!

(At the time that this program goes to the printer a few persons are still omitted from the program. Just count them as SURPRISES awaiting you when you arrive. The Program Chairmen always do a wonderful job, so you won't be disappointed.)

OFFICERS OF LOCAL UNITS: BRING YOUR QUESTIONS TO CAMP BREWER. THEY WILL BE ANSWERED IN THE WORKSHOP YOU ATTEND.

## OFF TO MT. SEQUOYAH

The Jurisdiction Guild Weekend on beautiful Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville, Arkansas will find Louisiana well represented, although last minute cancellations kept us from meeting our quota for the weekend.

Listed among those who attended were: Conference Secretary, Miss Arline Tyler (Shreveport); Conference WSCS President, Mrs. G. W. Dameron (Pineville); Conference Chairmen: Mrs. Ruth Guthrie (Bastrop) with Mrs. Minza Rabun (Bastrop) and Miss Mildred Kee (Shreveport) serving as alternates; and Mrs. Bee Sandefur (Bunkie). From LEFAYETTE DISTRICT: Mrs. Bessie Fairley, Leoloa Clark and Miss Florence McKinnon—all from Opelousas. MONROE DISTRICT: Mrs. Janie Phillips, Miss Elizabeth Kessinger and Miss Elma Carter from Mer Rouge; SHREVEPORT DISTRICT: Miss Jerry Beck and Miss Elizabeth Lowery from Mansfield and Mrs. Emma Pattillo from Haughton.

Those remaining for the Jurisdiction School of Missions were Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, Mrs. Minza Rabun. Mrs. Agnes Miller also attended the School of Missions.

We will be anxious to have a report from this group at Camp Brewer as this is an extremely important year in our Jurisdictions. Resolutions, recommendations and suggestions for the next quadrennium will be of high interest. We know our Conference Secretary, who was formerly on the Jurisdiction Board, will bring back many facts gleaned from the sessions she attends.

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Agnes Miller, (Mrs. Austin) Conference Chairman

At conference in March a total of 47 JR studies had been reported, and since that time there have been 29 more, making a total of 76 to the middle of May. By the first of June and the close of the Conference year, a number more will be reported. By districts the studies up to now are: Alexandria—9, Baton Rouge—10, Lafayette—4, Lake Charles—10, Monroe—9, New Orleans—10, Ruston—8, and Shreveport—16. Our records show no Guild with four studies this year though six have completed three. These are Trinity in Alexandria, Baton Rouge First, Lake Charles First, Wynn in Shreveport, and Munholland and Second in New Orleans. There are nineteen Guilds which have received two JR credits this year and twenty with one. Altogether forty-five Guilds have taken courses for JR credit since last June.

Of the studies themselves Guilders have shown a preference for world affairs with 26 Guilds studying the RIM OF EAST ASIA. Next in order are: DIMENSIONS OF PRAYER—22, THE CHURCH MISSION AND PEOPLE OF SPECIAL NEED—17, TODAY'S CHILDREN FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD—6 and 5 for THE MEANING OF SUFFERING, which is a carry-over from last year.

The studies for the new year promise to be as interesting as they have been this year. The foreign mission study continues in the realm of Asia, THE CHRISTIAN MISSION IN SOUTHERN ASIA. Then there are studies on THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY AND ITS MONEY, THREE SPIRITUAL CLASSICS, and THE CHANGING CITY. The supplementary materials to go with the studies seem unusually rich. Be on the look out for them at Camp Brewer.

Plans are under way to distribute missionary packets again at Camp Brewer. One will be prepared for each Guild in the conference. It is hoped that these have proved truly useful to the Guilds over the past three years in all their studies and that they will be an inspiration for an increased number of JR studies. As we go into a new year can we work toward the goal of "At Least One JR Study in Every Guild This Year"?

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

As we begin another year in the life of the Wesleyan Service Guild I extend greetings to both new and old chairmen and ask for your prayers and your continued help and cooperation.

I hope all of you chairmen will be at Guild Weekend. Your program committee has made every effort to plan an interesting, educational and spiritual program for you.

May I call your attention to the recommendations of the Woman's Division Guild Committee for the Spiritual Life Committee as found in the May issue of the Methodist Woman on page 40?

The Committee is asking for help in two areas; namely, the recommendation "...that Wesleyan Service Guilds explore the use of creative drama and dance, and various musical forms in our workshop experiences." and ideas for a new Guild Prayer Card.



## SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Each year the Guilders of the Louisiana Conference have learned to more greatly appreciate the privilege of being a part of the conference School of Missions. We urge each Guild to have representation at the School of Missions August 5-9. Your JR Study will be more ably directed if the leader has had the study under one of the teachers at the conference school.

Each study course will have two or more instructors. During the Clinic period Wesleyan Service Guild members will have an excellent opportunity to learn more about the organization and promotion of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and especially as it relates itself to the Louisiana Conference.

The following schedule will acquaint you with the program that develops the theme: "CALLED TO SERVE".

August 5 - 9, 1963 — Centenary College

Shreveport Louisiana

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1963

- 9:00 A.M.-12:00—Sale of Literature and Meal Tickets, James Dormitory on College Campus.  
12:00- 1:30 P.M.—Lunch, Cafeteria, College Campus.  
2:00 P.M.—Assembly, Brown Memorial Chapel, College Campus.  
2:30- 4:10 P.M.—First Session of Study Classes.  
5:15- 6:15 P.M.—Evening Meal, Cafeteria.  
7:00- 8:00 P.M.—Bible Hour, Brown Memorial Chapel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, THROUGH THURSDAY AUGUST 8

- 6:00 A.M.—Morning Devotions  
6:30- 7:30 A.M.—Breakfast  
8:10- 9:00 A.M.—First Class Period  
9:10-10:00 A.M.—Second Class Period  
10:00-10:20 A.M.—Intermission  
10:20-11:50 A.M.—Clinics  
12:00- 1:30 P.M.—Lunch  
1:30- 3:30 P.M.—Rest and Study  
3:30- 5:00 P.M.—Special Meetings  
5:15- 6:15 P.M.—Evening Meal  
6:30- 7:30 P.M.—Presentation of Churchwide Study and materials for each study.  
7:45- 8:45 P.M.—Bible Hour, Brown Memorial Chapel

FRIDAY AUGUST 9

- 6:00 A.M.—Morning Devotions  
6:30- 7:30 A.M.—Breakfast  
8:10- 9:00 A.M.—First Class Period  
9:10-10 00 A.M.—Second Class Period

The School will close with this session. Must attend this session to receive credit.

The registration fee for each person is \$4.00, which includes 50c for insurance. The rooms are \$1.00 per person per night. All rooms are air conditioned. No confirmation of room assignments will be made. Meal tickets in the amount of \$8.50 must be purchased by all persons housed in the dormitory. The tickets begin with the noon meal Monday, August 5, and end with breakfast, Friday, August 9.

Upon receipt of each registration card, the registrar will mail a class admittance card to the registrant. This admittance card must be brought by the delegate to the School of Missions in order that she be admitted to the class of her choice. Registration fee and class admittance may be transferred from one name to another, but after August 1, 1963, no refunds of registration fees nor any change in classes will be made.

Delegates to the School of Missions must bring their towels, bed linen, pillows and other personal effects. Some find the air conditioned rooms too cool and may need a spread or light blanket.

## INSURANCE INFORMATION

Each Guild member attending Camp Brewer Guild Weekend, or other Conference meetings, is covered by life insurance, the premium being a part of the registration fee. This insurance policy covers the individual, not only while in attendance at the meeting, but also while traveling directly between home and the meeting place for a period of forty-eight hours preceeding or following the meeting. Should any accident or illness occur, it must be reported to the Conference Recording Secretary at once.

BRING YOUR GUILD TIMES SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CAMP BREWER. BE SURE TO SAY WHETHER "NEW" OR "RENEWAL."

## SUPPLY WORK

Ruth Guthrie (Mrs. T. D.) Conference Chairman

1963-64 "CASH ASKING'S"

Home: SAGER BROWN HOME, BALDWIN,	
LOUISIANA .....	\$ 1451.50
Foreign: JAPAN—Social and Evangelistic	
work .....	487.00
Magazine & Picture Fund, \$2.00 per Guild	
(110 Guilds) .....	220.00
Total "Cash Askings" for Louisiana Conference	
Guilds .....	\$ 2158.50

"It continues to be the conviction of the members of the Division Guild that the original purpose of Supply giving is to furnish an opportunity for some spontaneity of giving and personalization of interest in specified locations of work in the Home and Foreign Fields; therefore the committee urges each Guild to accept Supply Askings, and meet these ASKING'S IN FULL BEFORE DOING OTHER SUPPLY WORK. Seek to find ways which will afford the local unit the opportunity of becoming informed and personally interested in the locations of "Cash Asking's" (from The Methodist Woman, page 41, May issue).

Supply Work is an integral part of the over-all program of the Woman's Division and should be incorporated into the monthly program of the Guild. The Supply Work committee should be given at least three or four minutes during each program to inform the members about the purpose of Supply Work. Christian workers and types of work being done in each location. Materials of interest may be found in The Methodist Woman, the two "Do You Know" booklets and The Annual Report of The Woman's Division, which may be secured from Literature Headquarters. Be original in presenting Supply Work; assign specific locations to various members to study these materials and bring their information to the group in the form of short drama, a Quiz or Do You Know session. Make posters, maps, or settings and take the group on an imaginary trip to a location of Asking's, explaining what their "Cash" will help to buy. If possible, visit locations of interest, if not, ask a member to correspond with the directors. Have special prayers for our Missionaries and the expansion of their work.

If these methods are followed Supply Work will come alive, the entire membership of the Guild will feel that the purpose of Supply work is being fulfilled and personalized giving will be increased.

Remember—do not send UNDESIGNATED cash until all "CASH ASKING'S" have been met in full! Why not? Because Askings are your FIRST responsibility! According to reports of this year's work I note that several Guilds gave ALL cash undesignated, which amounted to \$137.51; had this been designated to our Conference Cash Askings we would have met them in full. As it is we fell short \$124.10 in meeting Askings for Epworth Village. So, Please! Please designate your cash for Supply Work to YOUR "CASH ASKING'S" and in the amount assigned to you by your District Chairman of Supply Work!!! After you have met Askings in full then, and then only, you may feel free to send some cash undesignated.

Plan to attend Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer. If you have suggestions, problems or questions pertaining to Supply Work bring them to the Supply Work Clinic for discussion.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur, Chairman

With new officers soon taking over their duties, it behooves us to renew our efforts to forward Christian Social Relations.

This chairman was fortunate in being able to attend a Seminar in Shreveport on "The Church and the United Nations". There was a very interesting question and answer session bringing out many "facts for fallacies" on current questions. Those concerning UNICEF and UNESCO were interesting to me and I shall try to go into those in the clinic at Camp Brewer.

Another thing I learned was that hunger, disease, poverty, and ignorance are the daily lot of two-thirds of mankind inhabiting the worlds less developed areas. Realizing that our nation has an abundance from which we must share, we cannot be slow in assuming our proper responsibilities. Believing in the power of prayer we call upon our people to be constant in prayer related to responsible action. Let us pray for all in authority; the President

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ones, His Work is being carried on in the Alexandria District and we will continue His Work in the years to come.

The Alexandria District has provided cushions for the Communion Altar at Brewer and will provide the elements for Communion and the Worship Settings. Other districts are working on the program. Come. Let us worship together and learn of His Work planned for the new year.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Sara Wadsworth, District Secretary

The Baton Rouge District is happy to report an excellent year's work. The pledges and Supply Askings of most units has been paid in full.

The district recently held its Spring Meeting in Hammond. A large crowd attended and enjoyed the program. At this time Mrs. T. L. James, President of the Baton Rouge District, Woman's Society of Christian Service, installed the district officers.

New officers include Mrs. Emma Mainous—Missionary Education and Service, and Mrs. Leverette Smith—Christian Social Relations. Due to the resignation of our Supply Chairman, it was necessary to elect a new one. Mrs. Sanders of Kentwood was elected.

Most of the local units report from one to three studies for Jurisdictional Studies for credit. Several others studied the courses, but not for JR credit.

Visiting the sick and shut-ins, helping stock the pantry of a needy family, making money to send to the Christian Approach to help support an orphan, maintaining membership in the \$1,000 Club, sponsoring prayer groups for a revival, giving books to shut-ins, organizing prayer cells, refinishing furniture for the parsonage leaves little time for an idle unit. Other activities within the district include visits to hospitals and the placing a copy of the Upper Room in each patient's room, helping with dinners for bereaved families and sending money to St. Michel's School for Boys at Picayune, Mississippi.

On Sunday, May 26th, members of the Baton Rouge District met at Camp Istrouma for a DAY APART. A sandwich and a drink sustained us as we gathered for spiritual enrichment. This event was under the direction of our Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. Betty Denham.

The Agatha Flowers unit from Istrouma gave seven personal kits, including a clutch bag with cosmetics inside, to the seven teen-agers in Martha Overbey's class of migrant workers. This was sponsored by their Christian Social Relations Committee.

Our District has had a most successful year financially, as well as spiritually. We give thanks to God, our Father, who has made this possible.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. Bessie Fairley, District Secretary

Lafayette District closed out an excellent year, with a very fine meeting in Abbeville on Sunday afternoon April 21. The Abbeville Guild members were wonderful hostesses and thought of every detail to make the meeting pleasant and enjoyable.

The opening meditation was given by Elizabeth Carter, vice-president of the Abbeville Guild. Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Chairman of Conference Missionary Personnel, gave the principle address. Mrs. McCammon gave us information on the opportunities for employed women in church related vocations. Today so many Guild members are finding great interest and satisfaction in church related vocations. So many more are needed so may each of us think seriously concerning this matter.

Each Guild President submitted an excellent annual report.

Reports were then heard from our district chairmen of Lines of Work: Marilyn Carter, Spiritual Life; Mrs. Inza Curtis, Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. Joyce Prejean, Christian Social Relations, and Mrs. Edna Wattigny, Supply Work.

The district President, Mrs. Eloi Girard, and district Treasurer, Mrs. Shirley Ellender gave very fine reports from the W.S.C.S.

Prior to our afternoon meeting there was a luncheon meeting with representatives from each Guild to organize and set up Committees for the Spring Meeting to be held in Lafayette, March 1964. There are only seven Guilds in the district but there was excellent cooperation from all Guilds in working out the plans. Miss Hermine Tate will be local Chairman and Mrs. Joyce Prejean, Co-Chairman. We do appreciate the excellent help given us by the Monroe District. We are looking forward to this meeting with a great deal of anticipation.

There are three Guild members from Lafayette District who plan to attend Jurisdictional Guild Week-end at Mount Sequoyah in June.

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of the United States and those associated with him; the leaders of other nations and the United Nations.

One question asked was, "What can we do to help achieve peace?" We can help in waging the fight for peace. Make your views known in your local organizations, your neighborhood and your community. Write letters to your newspapers. Do you know that the world spends about 120 billion dollars a year on the arms race? The United States itself spends 50 billion dollars a year on armaments making it cost each man, woman and child almost 300 dollars each.

And may I ask again that your unit will please study with a prayerful heart, the Chapter of Racial Policies and write me directly, your thoughts on each of the statements made, bearing in mind ALL races—our own included.

Sometimes when our hearts have really felt the touch of God, it is as if a sweet peace has begun to sink into our souls like a gentle rain. Sometimes it is like the blowing of a gentle breeze or like looking out and suddenly the clouds have shifted, and the way can be seen.

Prayer is intensely personal and it makes vast changes in what we feel, think, and do.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Marie Pace, District Secretary

Thelma Louise Jones, Reporter

On April 20, 1963, in Montgomery, Louisiana, Miss Marie Pace, District Secretary of the Alexandria District presided over our Spring District Meeting. There were 35 Guilders with three co-ordinators and 2 visitors. The opening devotional was given by Mrs. Bee Sandefur of Bunkie in the absence of our Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. Janice Richardson, who could not attend because of sickness in her family.

A report of the Spring Meeting held in Monroe, Louisiana, on March 16-17 was given followed by a report of the Alexandria District Guild Coaching Conference and Spiritual Life Retreat on October 20-21 at Camp Walker.

This was followed by the reports of the District Officers. Each president then reported on the work of their Guild.

From these reports we learned that in the Alexandria District, the Guilders are continuing their studies, gave full measure and running over in Supply work and are performing many services in His Name such as visiting the shut-ins, furnishing flowers for the sanctuary, delivering Christian literature to train and bus stations, hospitals and to shut-ins. They have been hostesses for various social activities of their churches, participated in rummage sales and prepared the elements for Communion in their churches, bought hymnals for their choirs and contributed to the work with the children of Migrant workers.

A discussion of the requirements for JR Credit was held and guilds were urged to apply for this credit. It was found that several Guilds were eligible for J.R. Credit on studies, but did not realize to apply for the credit.

The Secretary issued a Prayer Call for those who are ill, have sickness in their family or have recently lost a loved one.

She reminded us of the need for mission fund which is always present.

The offering of \$25.00 was to be divided equally between Missions and the Cultivation fund.

Miss Pace then announced that Mrs. A. R. Scheffer of Pineville had consented to take up the work of the Woman Society of Christian Service Member-at-Large on the Guild Committee begun so effectively by Mrs. Kathleen Waggoner of Olla whom we have learned to love and appreciate.

Miss Jenny Mo Horton of California, who has served as a missionary to Brazil installed the following District Officers:

Miss Marie Pace, Alexandria—District Secretary  
Mrs. Travis Powell, Pineville—Recording Secretary  
Mrs. Ruth Allen, Winnfield—Chairman Missionary Education  
Mrs. Frank Foreman, Bunkie—Chairman Spiritual Life  
Miss Bessie Rollo, Alexandria—Chairman of Supply Work  
Miss Thelma Louise Jones, Pineville—Chairman Christian Social Relations.

After the installation services, Miss Horton who is now working with the Women's Society of Christian Service in recruiting service for new missionaries spoke to us of the need of someone to "Carry the ball." She gave each of us a challenge to service.

Mrs. Frances Pearce of Natchitoches dismissed the meeting with prayer. Delicious refreshments were served by our hostess Guild of Montgomery.

In spite of many members having sickness and loss of loved



## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Laura Lynch, District Secretary

The Guilds of the Lake Charles District are completing a profitable year's work. All units have elected and installed officers for the ensuing year.

Guilders of the Welsh unit celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary with a covered dish supper in observance of Guild month in January.

Five Adult Life Memberships have been given by the Julia Reid Unit of First Church, Lake Charles. The recipients of these were Mrs. E. H. Oakley, Elizabeth Haqqart, Mrs. J. R. Edwards, Peg Cole and Velma Thomas.

The Jennings Guilders honored Eula Shove with an Adult Life Membership recently.

Isla Powell, a member of the Leesville Guild was the recipient of a Life Membership given by members of that unit.

World Bank offerings were reported by several units in the district.

The District Spring Conference was held as scheduled, on April 28, at First Church in Lake Charles with the Julia Reid Unit as hostess. A review of the work done during the first three quarters showed that progress had been made. Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, the speaker for the occasion, was an inspiration to those present. She challenged Guilders to do more and better work. The need for reaching unemployed women was emphasized. The program was concluded with Mrs. W. W. Paxton installing Velma Lea Hair, Gueydan as District Chairman of Missionary Education and Service and Mrs. Eva Stocking of Welch as District Chairman of Supply Work.

We are looking forward to Guild Weekend in July and the School of Missions at Centenary in August.

EACH GUILD PUTS 3 SUBSCRIPTIONS IN THE BUDGET (FOR GUILD FILE — CO-ORDINATOR, OR WSCS PRESIDENT — AND MINISTER).



MRS. JANIE PHILLIPS, Secretary, Monroe District, presiding MRS. DORIS NEAL, Recording Secretary

## MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. M. W. (Janie) Phillips, District Secretary

The Monroe District Wesleyan Service Guilds held their annual District Meeting at the Tallulah Methodist Church, starting at 1:55 on April 28th, with the District Secretary, Mrs. Janie Phillips presiding. The theme for the program was "A Better World Begins With Me".

During the business session two chairmen were re-elected to serve another two years. Mrs. Marilyn Hudson was re-elected Spiritual Life Chairman and Mrs. Virginia Ward was re-elected Chairman of Missionary Education. The group was extremely happy to have these two efficient workers continue in office. In the



MISS JENNY MO HORTON, Deaconess and MISS NORMA GARLINGTON, Director of Christian Education

Installation Service Miss Elizabeth Langford presented Marilyn with a small gold cross that belonged to her sister Frances, a cross that was brought to Frances from the Holy Land by a missionary friend. To Virginia she presented a plastic helicopter to symbolize the traveling she might do in her various duties throughout the district.

The clinics were both interesting and informative and ably conducted by the chairmen in charge.

The Fellowship Tea given by the Tallulah Guild gave the Guilders a splendid opportunity to talk and renew friendships. While enjoying the refreshments the posters on display were the focal interest of the Guilders. Each Guild of the district told the story of their year's activities in original and interesting posters. A written report of each Guild's accomplishments was turned in to the secretary and will be sent to each Guild in a district report.

The quests learned that the lovely dishes used in serving had been acquired by the women giving a Tea Shower, the admission ticket being one dish. The attendance must have been good, as they seemed to have acquired a large service. If you are interested in knowing more about their accomplishment, possibly the Tallulah Guilders will give you the details.

Among the dates to remember, the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and School of Missions may already be history, but the Conference Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer July 12-14 is well within the reach of those who act quickly. If you have not registered, do so immediately. Monroe District would like to have every Guild represented. Then there is the Conference School of Missions at Centenary—August 5-9.

Reported by Elizabeth Kessinger  
Monroe District Supply Chairman

While Miss Jenny Mo Horton was touring the conference in the interest of the recruitment program from our Board of Missions she had a free evening in the Monroe district. Miss Elizabeth Langford used this opportunity to introduce Jenny Mo to some of the Guilders in Monroe. While she was the house guest of Norma Garlington, Educational Director at St. Pauls. The accompanying snapshot shows the two, taken during the evening's enjoyment.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mrs. Milton C. (Louise) Baldrige, District Secretary

Officer's Training Day held on May 19, 1963 at Carrollton Methodist Church completed a successful and busy year. All units have elected officers for the new year 1963-64.

District officers elected at the Annual District meeting were: Mrs. Milton C. Baldrige, District Secretary; Mrs. Helen McMahon, Recording Secretary, (second terms). Mrs. Dorothy Blanchard, Spiritual Life; Mrs. Pauline Colburn and Mrs. Irene Black, Nominating Committee, and from the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Andrew J. Wyly, Mrs. L. C. Miller, and Mrs. A. F. Hanson. It is a pleasure to have them on our committee.

Mrs. DeEllo Simon served as District Chairman of Spiritual Life

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for four years, her loyalty, cooperation and spiritual guidance has been an inspiration to all. She has given so willingly of herself, her time and talent. It is deeply appreciated by the District.

New Orleans District has a membership of two hundred sixty two (262) comprising sixteen (16) units. Our pledge to missions in the amount of \$2,250.00 was over paid by about \$500.00. The Supply askings have been met.

There has been much emphasis upon better programs and more Missionary Education studies. The number of JR credits have increased.

My thanks go to the District Officers, members of all units, and the ladies from the W.S.C.S., their cooperation and willingness has been invaluable in promoting the work of the guilds.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**—Marquerite Walls, reporter. In April the Guild held a supper meeting at St. Mark's Community Center. Miss Fae Daves, director, took the members on a tour of the building explaining the work being done at the center. At the meeting the officers were installed by Mrs. R. S. Oyer, the new president of the W.S.C.S.

**CARROLLTON (EPWORTH)**—Ethel Redditt, reporter. We have received a JR credit for the study "Dimensions of Prayer." Special Membership pins were presented to: Delle Jamison, Anna Mott, Myrtle McNeil, and Jenny Pittlekow.

**MUNHOLLAND No. 1**—June Smith, reporter; At the May meeting Special Membership pins were presented to: June Smith and Reba Zansler. We voted to send one youth to M.Y.F. training school at Camp Istrouma, and as a result of the study, "Dimensions of Prayer" we will send the son of Rev. Q. C. Roberts, the associate pastor, to summer camp.

**REDEEMER**—Mary Taylor, reporter; We are prayerfully hoping for the quick recovery of one of our members, Ella Palmisano. Ella fell several weeks ago breaking her arm and leg.

**ST MATTHEWS**—"Skip" Brown, reporter; In May our officers will be installed by Mrs. Peggy Bonaccarrere, the President of the W.S.C.S. During the months of June and July the Guild and W.S.C.S. members will meet in a joint night meeting.

**SECOND METHODIST**—Mildred Evans, reporter; Miss Ruth Tracy and Miss Emma Oser have retired, therefore they have transferred to the W.S.C.S. A JR credit was received for the very interesting study "Dimensions of Prayer".

YOU MAY BRING YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR GUILD TIMES TO CAMP BREWER. BE SURE TO HAVE CORRECT ADDRESSES.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Sue Batton, District Secretary

Our district reached the 100 per cent reporting again. We are very proud of this accomplishment, makes the second time in succession. We must keep this up and be more accurate. After all this is what counts.

Ruston district is the smallest, or next to the smallest district, in Louisiana Conference, and our PLEDGE TO MISSIONS rates about third from top. We have paid our pledge and other ASKINGS. Also we have had some very fine study courses, sixteen in number, with five for Jurisdiction credit and one Efficiency. Many Units participated in Church wide studies, also have had some very fine joint dinner meetings with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and doing other fine work in the Church and community.

As our district secretary, I have attended three executive meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, also district meetings and Zone meetings.

We have had two district meetings within the last ten months; one a coaching conference. Representation at all Conference Guild Week-ends, coaching conference, school of missions and jurisdiction Guild week-end.

Our membership is now 248, which is very good for a small district, and no cities within our area. We do have employed women that should be in our work, and we must promote this phase of our work more than heretofore.

It was, indeed, a privilege to have Miss Horton a Deaconess from the Division. She has a charming personality, and brought us a wonderful message.

Thanks Ruston Guilders for your wonderful co-operation. Your programs have been well planned, with deep interest and concern.

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JERRY BECK, District Secretary, Shreveport District; MRS. DANA DAWSON, Guest Speaker; MRS. G. W. DAMERON, W.S.C.S. Conference President; MISS ARLINE TYLER, W.S.G. Conference Secretary

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Jerry Beck, District Secretary

Highlighting recent activities was the district week-end at Camp Caney on May 4-5. Total registration was 53, with 41 Guilders on hand for all events. Registration began at 9:30 a.m., and while Mary Haynor and her helpers from Mcmingside got everybody settled, both groups from Mangum (Alma Levins and Mangum I) conducted a session on crafts. Their lovely book markers will be used and remembered for many years hence.

Prior to the picnic lunch, the district committee met to outline their work for the coming year. Schedules were decided upon and assignments made for ensuing activities. The first general session included not only an introduction of those present, a re-run of upcoming Guild activities, but also an election. Miss Mildred Kee, of Park Avenue, was re-named District chairman of spiritual life cultivation. Since the district had been advised that they had not met their total pledge to missions for the year, ways of raising additional funds during the week-end were discussed. Emma Pattillo from Haughton sold recipe holders as souvenirs. Money raised from this, plus the offering, a special membership in honor of Adeline Durham from Noel, and an In Remembrance gift in memory of Arline Tyler's mother, and the profit from registration fees brought the total amount of money raised during the two days to \$300, and the district's pledge to missions was not only met, but over-ran the amount needed.

Noel Memorial was in charge of the coaching clinics, which were presented as follows:

Presidents—Elizabeth Lowery, Mansfield  
Vice President—Elda Brewster, Broadmoor  
Treasurer—Frances Kavanaugh, District WSCS Treas. Belcher  
Supply—Hazel Cooper, Shreveport  
Missionary Education and Service—Emma Pattillo, Haughton  
Literature and Publications, Publicity—Sybil Kelly, Mangum I  
Recording and Promotion Secretaries—Mary Pierson, Mansfield

Spiritual Life—Mildred Kee, Park Avenue  
Christian Social Relations—Estelle Jones, Coushatta  
Wynn Memorial served refreshments during the break between clinics, and conducted Vespers that evening following supper.

The evening session was under the direction of Arline Tyler, who brought detailed information about our goals, purposes and work. She then conducted a question and answer period with the help of Mrs. G. W. Dameron. After fellowship singing and snacks, the group retired for the evening.

Sunday morning activities began at 8:00 a.m. with a quiet breakfast directed by ladies from Park Avenue. Soloist was Miss Sue Feemster, and guest speaker was Mrs. Dana Dawson. Mrs. Frances Barnett from Broadmoor then presented the morning pro-

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M.Y.F. YOUTH of Shreveport District who attended Shreveport District Weekend at Caney Lake and assisted in the program

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gram on Youth and Recruitment. The worship service was under the direction of First Church, Shreveport, and featured Mrs. G. W. Dameron as guest speaker. Following lunch, the group adjourned, with a special thanks to those units responsible for bringing the seven young M.F.Y. representatives, who not only added a delightful spark to the week-end, but who also helped in many ways by serving as official pages during their stay.

A special word of thanks goes to Sybil Kelly, who presented these present with district yearbooks prepared in advance. We are all aware of the time and effort required in compiling such a book, for it includes not only necessary names and addresses of units and members, but also an individual survey of the work going on in each of the 16 active units in the district.

As always, the W.S.C.S. took an active part in the planning and promotion of the week-end. Our appreciation to them grows with each new way they make themselves of service.

All officers in the local units have been installed, and seem eager to meet their new responsibilities with enthusiasm and dedication. This district is richly blessed with leadership ability, both on a current and past basis. May God be ever near us as we begin again to promote the work of His Kingdom.

## CONFERENCE OFFICER HONORED IN HER PROFESSION

MRS. ALVIN SANDEFUR  
Cosmetologist of the Year

(From Bunkie News)

Mrs. Alvin Sandefur was named Louisiana Cosmetologist of the Year today by the Louisiana Association of Accredited Cosmetologists, Inc. for outstanding contributions in community leadership, and in the field of cosmetology.

The citation was announced by Mrs. Effie Ardoin, president of Louisiana affiliate of the National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association.

The contest judges made their selection of Mrs. Sandefur on the basis of participation in a wide range of activities in the fields of civic and special welfare, cultural activities, educational program for children, religious programs and good government programs, and activities directed toward advancement of high professional standards in Cosmetology.

Mrs. Sandefur won in competition with a select group of cosmetologists from areas throughout the state. Mrs. Sandefur will compete against winners from each of the state for the National Community Award. The national winner will receive the "Charles Award" which is the "Oscar" of the National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association's Convention in Las Vegas, this July.

## IN MEMORIAM

September 1, 1962—Father of Miss Irene Collinsworth, Jonesboro Guild. Mr. Collinsworth was 84 years of age.

January 12, 1963—Mrs. Frankie Ensminger, a member of the Wynn Memorial Shreveport Guild, passed away.

During the Guild year the following deaths have been recorded in the Mansfield Guild:

Members: Miss Catherine Jones and Mrs. May Johnson. Members who lost their husbands: Mrs. H. L. Carter, Mrs. Buford Cowley and Mrs. Jack Hamilton.

The following poem appeared in our Louisiana Methodist several years ago. I regret that I did not also keep the name of the author.

She is not dead. She hath but lain aside  
Her soul's worn garment  
Which we treasure so.

We must forget that she dwells not therein  
But hath a new and fairer garment,  
free from stain and sin.

She is not dead. Death cometh not to those  
Who put their trust in Him  
Who conquers death and sin;  
Who gently leads them by the hand  
Thru death's dark shadow to Immanuel's land.

She is not dead. She hath but opened wide  
The gates of life  
And passed beyond.  
Where sickness, death and sorrow cannot come.  
And watches there in love, her dear ones coming home.

She is not dead. She now hath life more full  
Than ere before  
And now could teach  
Us lessons we are slow, so slow to learn—  
"Life ends not here. Look up to Him, who liveth evermore."

## HERE AND THERE

We have been delighted with the coverage that the Louisiana Methodist has given of our Spring Meeting in Monroe, and to other activities reported to them. We especially thank our Methodist Information editor, Mrs. Thomas Wilson of Shreveport, for the fine way that she reported our meeting. She is really in there "pitching" with the news.

We have heard of quite a bit of sickness among our Guild members and their families during the past few months. Our good wishes and prayers go their way.

Dr. and Mrs. James T. Harris of Broadmoor, Shreveport, will return July 4th from a wonderful trip to South America, where they went by plane to visit Carl and Julia Williams and to attend the dedication of the new parsonage and agricultural center at Carabuco, Bolivia, where Carl and Julia are stationed as missionaries. We look forward to having them tell us of the many experiences that were theirs. Those of us who know Carl and Julia Williams, whose former home is Ruston, are always eager to have news of their work in far-away Bolivia.

Have you checked to see if there is a Methodist Church in your area that does not have a Guild organized? In checking the Conference roll we find many churches without Guilds. Some of them are near YOU. Your Secretary of Promotion has a job there. Talk it over in your Guild. Contact the District president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, or the District Secretary of Promotion and with your own district secretary see if you can help bring together a group of employed women and create interest in starting a new Guild. This could be the main objective of our Guild Conference this year. Our records show that we are losing in membership as well as number of Guilds. Should we let this happen?

Bishop Walton is recuperating from major surgery. We wish for him a speedy recovery so that he may soon take up his itineracy throughout the conference. Having a resident bishop is something new in Louisiana and his continuous travels throughout our State gives us the privilege of being better acquainted with the bishop of our area.



## LOUISIANA GUILDERS IN PICTURES

Your editor plans to display a panorama of kodak snapshots at Camp Brewer. During your leisure time you might enjoy looking at snapshots of the last six years (during my editorship). I am indebted to Dorothy Dunbar and Elizabeth Lowery for most of the pictures for they have been most generous in providing me with copies of the pictures they take. I am sure that several Guilders could add to the display with their collection.

How are your subscriptions to METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK? Is your chairman on Literature and Publications keeping alert about these two magazines that are a must with your Guild? The METHODIST WOMAN is your guide and helper in Guild organization and keeps you informed on current affairs. Some Guilds have reports from these two magazines at their Guild meetings, and some use the material as supplementary to the program manual.

### VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

Kolar, Mysore State, India

May 27, 1963

Dear Guilders and Friends,

It has really been a long time since I wrote to you. I do appreciate so much that Elizabeth printed my Dad's editorial in the last GUILD TIMES for I can't think of a better way to tell you about his illness or his attitude. The latest report is that the doctor thinks he may have to have a bit more cobalt therapy but that he is really doing very well. He is not having the headaches now, his vision has cleared up, and he is again driving his own car everywhere, including 18 and 25 miles to the doctors. Thank you, each one, for your notes and cards, both to him and to me.

Now about my "accident." For years my dad has run a column in his newspaper entitled "Flight of Time" and this gets divided into sections such as "Forty-five years ago", "Thirty-five years ago", etc. down to "Five years ago". I'm afraid the clipping about my "accident" got taken out of its context of "Thirty-five years ago"! It happened at a time when Dad was in the midst of a poultry raising hobby. He would plant half the chicken yard with oats and then turn the chickens in on this while he planted the other half of the yard. One day he had plowed a half-yard and was ready for the seed which I was taking to him. But the plowing had turned the soil so close to the gate the gate wouldn't push open and so I slid through anyway, but too close to the corrugated metal roof of the hen-house. As a result I got a gash at the corner of my eye which needed two stitches. So this is the story of my "accident" of thirty-five years ago!

Elizabeth asked for some news of Surekha. Susi was two years old in March and has grown into a happy little girl who is chattering and running all over the place. Her parents are completely satisfied with her and I believe they would not trade her in for anything! I'm sure she is a happy and well-loved child. Her aunt, Miss Chandrica Desai, principal of our Girls' High School here in Kolar, goes up to the Deccan to see her every chance she gets.

This has been such a busy six months I hardly know where to begin. Several times various ones have asked what part we take in local church activities. The hospital unit is such a self-contained body that sometimes I feel we are too separate from the church although all those who can do so are there for all special services and church services on Sunday. There are a number of reasons for this such as the nature and hours of work with some always on the job and others always on call. There is the language difficulty also. Kolar is Kanarese speaking and few of the church people speak anything else. Our nursing staff and students are almost everything else in the way of language speaking, and only pick up Kanarese after coming here. There are two church services on Sunday, one in Kanarese and one in English. At the English evening service the local church people could almost be counted on one hand. On the hospital compound we have a unit of the W.S.C.S. (although I think it really ought to be a W.S.G. as they are all working girls!) and daily chapel services at which everyone takes turns at conducting.

This past year I've been very glad to be a member of the Official Board as Chairman of the Finance Committee. It has given me a chance to try something I've wanted to see tried for

four years. I've fussed since I came here about giving the monthly pledges to the janitor each month when he brings a notebook around for each one to thumb through and then write down the amount he is giving to the janitor. Everyone has said, "I wish something could be done"—but nothing else would work, envelopes wouldn't work, etc. Finally my chance came this year when I had an opportunity to try it out with a small group. The town was divided into districts for a campaign of church members for increasing church pledges. I took the hospital compound for my areas and immediately prepared envelopes for each one, for a two month trial. Such comments were heard around as "Here we are trying to increase the church income to meet the increased budget and Dr. Cleveland is just going to ruin things! It's not going to work!" Etc.) The Church Treasurer was perhaps just about the most pessimistic but after one month he was just as enthusiastic! They were all amazed at the time saving for the janitor! The Official Board was all for getting envelopes printed for everyone immediately. But here I asked that they go a bit more slowly for the rest of this conference year and give this pilot group a good trial, adding the school compound next perhaps for a trial also. This is a new idea here and I don't know for sure yet just how the main bulk of the local church is going to take to it. We will see.

I think I must stop with this for I'm sure the space is short. I will be thinking about you at Guild Weekend and will be looking forward to probably being with you next year! I do hope so.

Blessings on thee everyone,  
Vela

## THIS CONCLUDES YOUR TENTH YEAR OF GUILD TIMES

Well, our 10th ANNIVERSARY will be history with the issue of this 1962-63 number. True, we did not reach our goal of 800 subscriptions, but we had another good year and many fine things have been said about GUILD TIMES and its place in our Guild program. For all of this your editor thanks you.

Now we enter another year. Can't we continue to grow in number and in usefulness. The report of the Conference Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., of Shreveport, shows that we have lost in the number of Guilds and in membership in the 1962-63 report. This is of grave concern to me. Can't we use GUILD TIMES to promote enthusiasm, to create more interest, to promote Guilds where there are no Guilds? Does the information you gain from Guild Times make you eager to be a better, more informed Guild member? Is the effort put into GUILD TIMES producing results? At the beginning of our 11th year with Guild Times, and the 6th year for this editor, these questions are timely and bear thinking about.

Please use the blank accompanying this issue to list your 1963-64 subscriptions. One sheet could be used for an entire Guild, or, if more convenient, you may send in individual subscriptions. Bring your subscriptions to Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer. Be sure to check whether "new" or "renewal". If your address or "name" has changed, be sure to note this information.

Many Guilds include three subscriptions in their Guild budget (1) the pastor (2) the co-ordinator or president of W.S.C.S. and (3) your Guild file. Keep each issue. A blue file folder is now available. You may get one at Camp Brewer for 40c.

New subscriptions are already arriving and your editor always thrills at these first renewals. Be sure that YOUR Guild secures subscriptions for 1963-64 NOW. Bring them to Camp Brewer or mail them to your editor.

Read, again, the purposes of GUILD TIMES given in the block below: And continue to grow in Christian love as you promote the work of the Guild in your unit, district and conference.

Devotedly,  
Your Editor

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## The Seventeenth Annual Guild Weekend Was Truly Great!

The beautiful and meaningful words of our Guild benediction were made real at this, our 17th Annual Guild Weekend for the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds, held at Camp Brewer last July. All who went can truly say that the joy of our united service was enriched and beautified and made a mutual blessing to our Guilds, our missionaries, our churches and our communities. Because we answered the "Call to Serve" we all will share in bringing the Kingdom of Peace to our disordered world. The programs handed each Guildler who registered had on its cover Christ, with out-stretched hands, looking down upon a world we are called to serve, with a shadowed cross behind the Master. With this theme "Called to Serve" and an excellent schedule of activities and planned programs, all 149 who registered were richly rewarded for having come.

Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life served as Program Chairman. Mrs. Jack Gregory of Lake Charles was the efficient Chairman of Registration: She reported the following registered: Alexandria District, 10; Baton Rouge District, 25; Lafayette District 10; Lake Charles District, 20; Monroe District, 29; New Orleans District, 30 (they came by chartered bus); Ruston District 6; Shreveport District 11; W.S.C.S. Officers, 3; and guests, 5. Chairman of Registration for 1964 Guild Weekend will be Mrs. Emma Mainous of Baton Rouge. Program Chairman will be Mrs. Bee Sandefur, Bunkie, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations. Already we are looking forward to next summer's Guild Weekend.

Miss Grace Lawson and Mrs. Alice Orr (W.S.C.S. Literature & Publications Secretary) were continuously busy in the literature room where they reported selling about \$400 worth in literature and supplies.

Under the leadership of our Conference Secretary, Miss Arline Tyler, the business of the conference was dispensed with ease and efficiency. The conference reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mrs. Thomas "Boots" Guthrie, Jr., Recording Secretary, who moves to Natchez, Mississippi. Boots was presented with a Life Membership Pin in appreciation of her dedicated service. Miss Maree White of Opelousas was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

While every phase of the program was highlighted with meaning, it was felt that the Clinics and Workshops were most helpful. The leaders had information and instruction at their finger-tips and group participation was noted in every group. Much appreciation goes to those Guild officers and W.S.C.S. officers who lead these groups. Your editor is giving you a snap-shot of each group. (See if you can be found in your group!)

The presentation of the JR studies is always a time looked forward to. The idea of presenting the study by means of a play lends added interest. Your Chairman on Missionary Education names these studies in her report. It is hoped that more JR Studies will be had throughout the conference during the coming Guild year.

Those present will not forget the periods of worship and inspiration at Vesper Point. The spot has become sacred to those who wander down the winding trail in silence and with the rustle of the wind thru the trees and the twitter of birds in the air sit in silent meditation, or listen intently to one lifting our thoughts in worship, admiration and song. We have Miss Dorothy Dunbar (Opelousas), Mrs. Marilyn Hudson (Monroe) and Reverend Roland Friedrich (Alexandria) to thank for their part in these blessed moments. Marilyn was also pianist for our singing time and we were fortunate.

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17th ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND—LOUISIANA CONFERENCE—JULY 12-13-14, 1963



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Dear Co-Workers:

In retrospect, I see the lines of work on the conference level represented in the clinics, studies, and total program of the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah.

Another glimpse reveals our own conference Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer. There we had good attendance; a thorough program of officer training; an opportunity of enrichment through workshops; the Missionary Education Seminar; the privilege of coming to know the workers from Dulac Community Center, one of our projects, and to learn of its program and the people it serves; with this came the enriching experiences of worship and fellowship. Of the 149 who attended the entire weekend, 28 were "first timers."

Next, we see our conference School of Missions in session at Centenary College. Our Guild Members who attended participated in the total program. The responsiveness of the members of the Guild Clinic was a joy to the heart of the conference secretary. We had the privilege of having Miss Virginia Thomas, Secretary of the North Mississippi conference with us. Watch for a fuller report on these by our recording secretary. Our joint session on MEMBERSHIP with the clinics for the presidents and the promotion secretaries of the Wcman's Society was most helpful. There is to be a joint committee on membership in each local church (Guild and Woman's Society). Guild president, if you have been approached I hope you responded enthusiastically; if you have not been, you take the initiative. Every woman in the church is to be visited and given an opportunity to become a member of the Guild or Woman's Society. In preparation for this visitation, a study of THE WORK OF THE WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE is to be made. The material for this study and the program of visitation will be available through your district secretary soon.

**DISTRICT SECRETARIES:** Because of the urgency and importance of this emphasis for this year, will you please plan a meeting of your district committee for the month of September? Make an extra effort to have every unit in your district represented at this meeting. A letter will be mailed to you soon with further details and possible resource persons. From this meeting, we hope your district will be ready to put this program into action.

May our WITNESS and SERVICE bring others into a new relationship with our Christ and deepen our own spiritual life is my prayer.

Arline Tyler  
Conference Secretary.

Miss Sue Batton, your former Conference Secretary, is in Schumpert's Hospital in Shreveport. Sue recently had surgery. Let us remember her in our prayers—and keep her posted with news items and get-well wishes. Through friends you might learn when she will return to her home in Minden.

## GUILD WEEKEND

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nate to have Miss Jerry Beck (Mansfield) Shreveport District Secretary, as song leader. Her solo on Sunday morning "I asked the Lord" was a fitting preface to the very fine message brought by Reverend Woodrow Hearne of First Church, Shreveport.

We always look forward to meeting our guests who represent our mission fields at home and abroad. This year we had Mrs. Carl Brunson and Miss Pat Gibson from our Dulac Community Center and their talks on Saturday evening acquainted us more fully with the wonderful work they are doing at Dulac.

It was good to have our Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Carl Gallaher (New Orleans) with us. It was decided that "Hazel" will have a column in each issue of Guild Times. So read the current article with care. Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Conference President was wonderful help as a resource person. Let's have her present every time!

As always, it is difficult to mention every detail of so fine a weekend. If you were fortunate enough to be among those present you have your own wonderful memories. If you are counted among the many who were prevented from attending, let the pictures shown and the limited report tell you again that it was "another wonderful Guild Weekend."

## Your Conference Chairman Says:

Our Conference Pledge to Missions for 1963-64 is \$17,930.00  
Amount Paid on Pledge to Missions

### FIRST QUARTER

ALEXANDRIA	\$ 396.40
BATON ROUGE	687.25
LAFAYETTE	439.75
LAKE CHARLES	643.56
MONROE	643.30
NEW ORLEANS	482.50
RUSTON	536.70
SHREVEPORT	489.33
TOTAL	4,309.79

GUILD WEEK-END OFFERING TO MISSIONS \$88.07

Each District accepted an increase in their PLEDGE TO MISSIONS. Take advantage of every opportunity to interpret the PROGRAM AND NEEDS of the Woman's Division of Christian Service so each member will know where her money goes.

Our GIFTS are the tangible expression of our love for Jesus Christ. By increasing our GIFTS we increase the power of this great organization of women.

### CASH FOR SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS FOR 1963-1964

#### FOREIGN

Japan	\$487.00
Magazine & Picture Fund	220.00

#### HOME FIELD

Sager Brown Home & Godman School	\$1,451.50
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### AMOUNT PAID ON CASH FOR SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS

#### FIRST QUARTER

#### FOREIGN

Japan	\$202.49
Magazine & Picture Fund	90.25
Undesignated	15.72
TOTAL FOREIGN	308.46

#### HOME

Sager-Brown Home & Godman School	\$421.40
Undesignated	4.40
St. Mark's Pool Fund	10.00
TOTAL HOME	435.80

It is a joy and a privilege to work with you. As we work together this year may we rededicate ourselves to HIS service so others may know HIM.

#### HAZEL

Mrs. Carl Gallaher  
P. O. Box 12193  
New Orleans, La. 70124

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

### Agnes Miller, (Mrs. Austin) Conference Chairman

As we begin our new conference year, let us take stock. Last year our record of JR studies fell off. In fact there was not a single study reported for the first quarter—June, July, and August. This year we seem off to a better start. Already we have eight on record. These came in during June and July and were on the approved studies for last year. By districts they are: Alexandria, one; Baton Rouge, one Lafayette, two; Monroe, two; Ruston, one; and Shreveport, one. The studies were: "The Christian Mission on the Rim of East Asia," one; "Dimensions of Prayer," four; "Today's Children for Tomorrow's World," two; and "The Arm of Compassion," one. Seventy-eight Guilders were enrolled for credit with forty-five more attending one or more sessions as guests.

Let's sincerely hope that this increase in study during the summer months will mean a new year of renewed zeal in learning about the work of the Church around the world. It can and should mean many more JR studies for 1963-1964. Truly, Methodist women CAN be the "best informed group of women in the world" because of the wonderful studies prepared for them. It is up to each local Guild to take part and promote attendance at the studies.

Were you one of the fortunate ones who attended Camp Brewer? Among the other inspiring numbers on the program were the introductions to the new studies for this year. Those who presented the studies had all attended the School of Missions at Mount Sequoyah. Mildred Kee told of the Spiritual Life Study, "Three Spiritual Classics." Ruth Guthrie gave the "Christian Mission in Southern Asia." The "Christian Family and Its Money" was discussed by Minza Rabun. "The Changing City Challenges the Church" was presented by Agnes Miller, telling the story of a downtown church in a changing section of a city with a one-act play. Joe, the leading part of the play, was taken by Jerry Beck.



Others in the cast were Gloria Bennett, Elizabeth Langford, Ruth Guthrie, and Minza Rabun. It was truly one of the high spots of the Week End. (If any Guild is interested in presenting this play, write to Agnes Miller, 311 Lakeside Drive, Monroe.)

We are now well into our second quarter. Let us take once again as our goal, "At least one JR in every Guild this year." May we all study more and learn more to the end that we may better serve the Master of us all.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

To all of you, to each of you, my dearest appreciation and thanks for helping to make our Guild Week-end the meaningful and inspirational time that it was. I am especially grateful to those who assumed an assigned responsibility.

With your committee on program, plan for a program to interpret the Fellowship of Intercession and distribute and sign the cards.

Cooperate in World-Wide Communion Sunday, October 6.

Plan for the observance of the "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" October 25-31, 1963. The packet should be in the hands of your Spiritual Life Chairman now.

I hope all of you have seen and are using the prayer card "Pray For World Leaders."

Your use of and participation in all of these will be to your benefit and enrich your spiritual life.

"Try hard to show your self worthy of God's approval, as a labourer who need not be ashamed..." (II Timothy 2:15, N.E.B.)



CLINIC: "Spiritual Life" Mildred Evans-Mildred Kee



GUILD MEMBERS attending SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

## THE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Our Recording Secretary, Maree White, reported a highly successful School of Missions. During the Clinic hour the Guilders were fortunate to have as a resource person Miss Virginia Thomas, Conference Secretary of the Mississippi Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds. Miss Thomas taught one of the classes on An Introduction to the three Spiritual Classics.

The Clinic was centered around the Purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild (23rd Annual Report, p. 109) and the Recommendations (23rd Annual Report, p. 128-29). A good way to avoid getting into an activity that does not fall under Guild Responsibility is to ask, "Is it in line with the Guild Purpose?"

Much emphasis on membership will be noted this conference year. The South Central Jurisdiction has been asked to conduct a pilot program in this area, jointly with the Woman's Society of Christian Service. We will be hearing more about this from our conference committee named to lay the groundwork. Basic planning will be made by Mrs. Lee Tidwell, assisted by Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Nell Patterson and Miss Arline Tyler.

Guild members attending the School of Missions by districts were: Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Mildred Kee, Mrs. Emma Pattillo, Miss Virginia Rector, Miss Martha Nicholson, Miss Pauline Rodgers, Miss Virginia Wren, Miss Jane Pardue, Mrs. Irene Tatum, Mrs. W. B. Wheat (Shreveport); Miss Mildred Evans, Mrs. Louise Baldridge, Mrs. Dorothy Blanchard, Mrs. Beverly Biehler, Mrs. De Ello Simon (New Orleans); Miss Maree White, Miss Helen Sullivan, Miss Olive Hartwell (Lafayette); Mrs. Laura Lynch, Mrs. Maradee Lowery, Mrs. Gertrude Kilman (Lake Charles); Mrs. Oneifa Duncan (Baton Rouge); Mrs. Virginia Ward, Mrs. Ruth Read, Mrs. Irene Nelson (Monroe); Miss Mattie Levins, Mrs. Virginia Hollinshead (Ruston).



CLINIC: "Supply Work & Treasurers"  
Ruth Guthrie - Hazel Gallaher



CLINIC: "Vice Presidents"  
Emma Mainous - Sara Wadsworth





CLINIC: "Missionary Education"—Agnes Miller



CLINIC: "Recording Secretaries"—Boots Guthrie



CLINIC: "Presidents, Promotion Secretaries and District Secretaries"—Arline Tyler

## SUPPLY WORK

Ruth Guthrie (Mrs. T. D.) Conference Chairman

Where shall I begin??? This time I really do not know! After attending School of Missions on beautiful Mt. Sequoyah, I feel that I am still on the 'hill top' bubbling over with enthusiasm, searching my mind for ways of conveying to you the information and inspiration which permeated the grounds.

Inspiration—from dedicated pastors and missionaries who led the daily vespers, Bible Hour, and taught the approved study classes. Three missionaries from India taught the "Christian Issues in Southern Asia" making the work in these countries definitely come alive through their music, dress, culture, daily habits and living conditions.

Information—from members of the Woman's Division, and the Jurisdiction officers of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild who gave tirelessly of their time promoting the program and Christian fellowship.

This was the first time for the Chairman of Supply Work to be included in the line of attendance to the Jurisdiction School of Missions. I feel very grateful for the opportunity of going and pray that my ability of serving you will be more rewarding to our Conference during the remainder of my term of office.

Our Jurisdiction Chairman of Supply Work, Miss Charlene Houts, could not attend the school and asked me to substitute for her. Serving in this capacity I was privileged to report all Guild Supply Work of the Jurisdiction, conduct the Guild Supply Work Clinic, and assist in the daily Workshops led by Mrs. Wayne Harrington, Division Secretary, and Mrs. Merle Rossel, W.S.C.S. Chairman of Supply Work. Mrs. Harrington stated that 'cash askings' would not be increased in 1964. Points brought out in the group discussions were: 1. The LOCAL CHAIRMAN OF SUPPLY WORK is a member of the PROGRAM COMMITTEE and should be active in presenting Supply Work to the local group during regular meetings. The PURPOSE of Supply Work is not only to give cash toward askings, but—TO INFORM the members about the types of work and workers in each location. Only as the Chairman is informed and inspired can she inform and inspire others!

2. Reports are the pictures of what has been done. It takes the frame of the report to make it come alive. Report your activities and ways of presenting Supply Work to your Guild District Chairman and the local W.S.C.S. Chairman of Supply Work.

3. We do not promote Supply Work, but EDUCATE by creating an understanding of work done with-in the project. We PROMOTE the total program within which the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild Work.

4. The PLEDGES come first. Asking's for Supply Work should be paid in FULL BEFORE GIVING other cash for supplies, either designated or undesignated.

The concluding program of the Workshops dealt with hands. In response to roll call all members answered with a Scripture verse containing the word Hand or Hands. Each phase of the program pointed out the Holy goodness of God's gift of hands. May we all use them to His Glory! The following poem was used, written by Mildred E. Stevens;

Hands are funny things—  
Four fingers and a thumb with palm attached.  
But God has given to this thing we call a hand  
The power and art to heal, to comfort and to love.  
It is because of some one's hand the fevered brow is smoothed,  
The thoughtful letter is written, and the extra gift of love performed.  
Because of hands so busy, God's work on earth is being done.  
Hands are funny things—  
Four fingers and a thumb with palm attached—  
With power God hath given them.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur, Chairman

"I am the light of the world." John 8:12

If Jesus ever summed up His mission in one sentence, and did it completely, it was when He said, "I am the light of the world."

Please note, Jesus did not say, "I am the light of Americans or Caucasians or Republicans;" not "I am the light of Presbyterians or Methodists or Lutherans;" not "I am the light of the well-bred, the well-read or the well-fed." He emphatically stressed, "I am the light of the world." He is the light for every land, and for every person in every land.

During these days we Methodists can band together across America to pray earnestly for each other. We cannot always agree

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## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

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on every issue. We cannot possibly understand just what struggles our brothers face or what burdens they bear in every particular situation. But we can pray for them. We can ask God to give them courage to stand in the tempest, wisdom to be good shepherds to their flocks, and love to penetrate the cesspools of hate. We can pray for each other. Prayer changes things. Prayer changes men. Let us pray more and criticize less.

### ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Marie Pace, District Secretary

News from the Alexandria District comes directly from Winnfield:

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church of Winnfield assisted in the Youth Activities Week during the last week in August. Mrs. Sara Shell and Mrs. Claudell Farr helped in each phase of the week and the members of the Guild served their supper, Monday, August 26. At least 35 youths of high school and college age were expected.

Miss Marie Pace, District Secretary; Mrs. Bessie Rollo, District Supply Chairman; Miss Louise Jones, District Christian Social Relations Chairman, and Mrs. Ruth Allen, District Missionary Education Chairman were guests of the Guild in August. Plans are now being made for the new year—programs and such.

### BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Sara Wadsworth, District Secretary

The Baton Rouge District has kept up with good work even through the summer months. Outings, picnics and parties have been enjoyed in the way of recreation by some of the units.

Reports were made by the majority of the Guilds and on time. The giving of money to missions is progressing right along.

We have had representation at the Guild meetings on every level. Several went to beautiful Mt. Sequoyah to Guild Weekend. 25 attended the conference Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer. We are proud to announce that Mrs. Emma Mainous of Baton Rouge will be "Chairman of Housing" for next year at Guild Weekend. Baton Rouge District is convinced that it will be taken care of in Emma's usual efficient manner.

Thrilling! The whole district is pleased to announce that the Jackson Guild has been re-activated.

### LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. Bessie Fairley, District Secretary

The treasurers of the seven units of the Lafayette District have sent in excellent reports.

Those of you who did not attend the Guild Weekend at Mount Sequoyah missed so much. Planning the programs for the coming year was one of the main points of interest. Am sure that all will be looking forward to a copy of these planned programs. Lafayette District was represented by three members at Mount Sequoyah.

Four of the seven units were represented at Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer where Lafayette District had the devotionals at Vesper Point, Saturday morning. Also during the Guild Weekend our own Maree White was elected Conference Recording Secretary.

When the District Secretary found out that it would not be possible for her to attend Mission School at Centenary, she checked with the Mississippi Conference and found that she would be able to attend there. She spent a week at the Seashore District Camp Grounds in Biloxi attending the School of Missions and the Guild Weekend. Mrs. Charles M. Henderson of Memphis, Tennessee was the teacher of the course "The Christian Family and Its Money." She was excellent.

We had Miss Elizabeth Overby, a missionary nurse from India. She knows Dr. Esther Shoemaker and Dr. Vela Cleveland. Miss Overby gave a very inspiring talk.

In visiting the Guilds during the summer we have found much interest in the work. Lafayette Guild had such a fine meeting and the evening we visited, received three new members. Have heard that they have another new member joined since that time. All are looking forward to and planning for the 1964 Spring Meeting to be held in Lafayette.

Lafayette District was represented at School of Missions in Shreveport.



CLINIC: "Christian Social Relations"  
Bee Sandefur—Minza Rabun



WORKSHOP: "Equality of People and World Peace"  
Estelle Dameron



WORKSHOP: "Population Control"  
Mildred Brunson



## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Laura Lynch, District Secretary

The opportunity to serve as your District Secretary during the past year has given me a better knowledge of Guild work, a better understanding of the purposes of our organization, and a closer friendship with the people in the district and conference. My prayer is that 1963-1964 will be one of our best years. It can be if each Guild member will resolve to give more than financial help. Your Guild needs your regular attendance, your active participation in the work, and the purposes of the Wesleyan Service Guild kept in mind at all times.

A number of the Guilds in the district were represented at Guild Week-end, Camp Brewer in July and the School of Missions at Centenary College in Shreveport August 5-9. Each one in attendance returned to their units inspired to do better work and to promote better Studies within the district.

I am happy to report that giving for the first quarter of 1963-1964 was better than that a year ago. This indicates that Guilders are realizing more the great need that exists today.

The Susie Jones Unit of De Ridder has recently given life memberships to Mrs. Ferrell H. Lingo, Miss Billie J. Hawkins, Mrs. Raymond Cole, and Mrs. Dale Vincent.

Memorials have been given by the Julia Reid Unit, First Church, Lake Charles, for Mrs. Mabel McNeil, a sister of one of their members, and a donation to the Organ Fund in memory of Mrs. Kee.

Edwin Cabra, a recent graduate of Leesville High School, received the Gertrude E. Daubs Memorial Scholarship given by the Leesville Wesleyan Service Guild. Edwin, the first boy to receive the award, will enter Centenary College in September.

Don't forget that it is time to subscribe to Guild Times. Your subscription is needed.

Let each of us keep working hard in the name of the Master.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. M. W. (Janie) Phillips, District Secretary

Monroe District is minus a report this quarter because our very efficient district Secretary, Janie Phillips, has been on a well earned vacation for the past two months... far away in Canada. We will welcome her return. Before Guild Times comes off the press she will be back at her post as Librarian in the Bastrop High School.

Your editor knows that the six local Guilds in Monroe and West Monroe have continued to meet through the summer though attendance has been irregular. The Monroe District was well represented at Camp Brewer with 29 present, with several Guilders from the district having important places on the program. That makes us proud of our leadership. There were several in attendance at the School of Missions in Shreveport. Guilds have already set up their dates for JR studies. Minza Rabun, Ruth Guthrie and Agnes Miller went to Mt. Sequoyah for Guild Weekend and/or the School of Missions. The inspiration and training they always receive is reflected in their interest in Guild work throughout the year.

Monroe District was sorry to learn of Puddin' Cotton's accident in Rayville. Going out her front door, to visit a neighbor who had fractured her ankle, Puddin' fell and received a fracture of her own. A "walker" plaster cast has permitted her to get around in a limited fashion. Folks at Camp Brewer are remembering how Puddin' filled in with the song-leader job, helping Jerry in a big way.



Boots Guthrie receives Life Membership Pen from Ruth Guthrie. Elizabeth Langford made presentation.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mrs. Milton C. (Louise) Baldrige, District Secretary

The New Orleans District is happy to report all but four guilds had a representative at Guild weekend, Camp Brewer July 12-14th.

A chartered bus left New Orleans at 6:30 p.m., on Friday with 30 guilders and two conference officers of the W.S.C.S. aboard, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Treasurer and Mrs. Warren Orr, Literature and Publications chairman. The weekend was one of Christian fellowship, a better understanding of our work and studies for 1963-64.

There were six guild members who attended the "School of Missions" Centenary College, Shreveport, La., August 4-9, 1963. Miss Sophie Kuntz-deaconess retired, Mildred Evans, Louise Baldrige, Beverly Biehler, Dorothy Blanchard, and DeEllo Simon. The foreign, home and spiritual studies were taken by these members.

Miss Sophie Kuntz will teach the foreign study "Southern Asia" on a district-wide basis in October. We are very grateful to Miss Sophie for giving of her time and knowledge.

The district is looking forward to the "Retreat" October 26-27th. Diehlman Camp, Waveland, Miss. Mrs. Carl Lueg will be our leader. Dorothy Blanchard, District Spiritual Life is chairman for this weekend.

Plans are underway for the new program on membership; we hope to have it in the hands of each president by October 5th.

CARROLLTON (EPWORTH)—Ethel Redditt, reporter: Our guild is very proud of our own "Sophie Kuntz," who is to teach the district-wide study in October. We are very happy to have Lillian Gaines back with us, we have missed her very much. We have gained three new members this summer.

MUNHOLLAND No. 1—Dorothy Wade, reporter: Attending Camp Brewer in July were Blanche Wade, Myro McClung and DeEllo Simon.

SECOND METHODIST—Anna Merritt, reporter: We had the pleasure of having Mrs. Louise Baldrige, District Secretary at our July meeting, she installed the new officers for the year 1963-64.

FIRST METHODIST—Marguerite Walls, reporter: Enjoying a wonderful Guild weekend at Camp Brewer were: Ruby Torres, Marguerite Walls, and Elizabeth Beard. The fellowship and program were enjoyed by all who attended. Much spiritual enrichment was gained as well as a challenge to go forth in our Guild work.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Sue Batton, District Secretary

We have been very busy in Ruston district in the preparation of the programs for the incoming year of 1963-64. Also formulating the plans for the proposed study courses.

We had good representation at Camp Brewer in July also some participating in the program. We were also represented at the School of Missions at Centenary College in August and enjoyed the wonderful program.

Our Coaching Conference will be in September, and we are very busy making preparation for this meeting.

Please do not forget to send in your subscriptions to Guild Times, if you have not already done so.

Increase your pledge to Missions. This is a must and if you have made your budget, you can very easily change it.

We should have a deep concern about the unreached employed women in our district.

Thanks for your interest in the Guild work, and I am looking forward to a wonderful Guild year.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Jerry Beck, District Secretary

Members of the Shreveport District executive committee met for their first quarterly meeting at First Church, Shreveport, on August 18. At that time, plans were made for three subsequent committee meetings to be held on November 17, 1963, at Summer Grove; February 16, 1964, at Broadmoor; and May 2, 1964, at the district week-end at Camp Caney. All district officers, presidents of local units and W.S.C.S. representatives are invited to these meetings, and the church Guilds act as hostesses.

The annual Guild dinner has been set for January 17, 1964, at Noel Church. Responsibilities will be carried out by the following committees:

Noel—host, caterer and special music  
Mangum, Unit I and Alma Levins—photography and publicity  
First Church Shreveport—program  
Plain Dealing—name tags  
Mansfield—reservations





Jerry Beck, Song Leader and Rev. Woodrow Hearne

Park Avenue—program booklets  
Broadmoor—table decorations

On May 2-3, 1963, the Guild week-end at Camp Caney will be directed by the following committees:

Broadmoor—host  
Mansfield—reservations  
Morningside—literature  
Wynn—crafts  
Coushatta—music  
First Church, Shreveport—mission hour  
Plain Dealing—vespers and communion  
Noel—quiet breakfast  
Many—table decorations  
Mangum, Alma Levins—Sunday morning service  
Lcgansport—souvenirs for missions  
Zowlle—offering  
Arline Tyler—conference program

The "display corner," featuring worship centers, local unit scrapbooks and various literature, has become a regular part of all district meetings. Estelle Jones, district chairman of Christian Social Relations, will be in charge of this feature this year, and will contact each local unit prior to all meetings, urging them to represent their Guild with a display.

In view of the problem of recruitment facing our Guilds today, a district committee has been set up to study the areas of gaining and losing members, and to bring their recommendations for local action at each committee meeting. Members of this committee include Rusha Strother, president of Coushatta Guild; Frances Bennett, district recording secretary; Thresa Atkins, past president of Summer Grove; and Adeline Durham, past president of Noel, who will act as chairman.

At the district committee meeting in August each district officer received her work for the last year, and outlined her goals for the coming year. Included in upcoming activities for each officer was a schedule for visiting at least one local Guild in the district each quarter. It is felt that such personal contact will not only promote a better understanding about each particular line of work, but will also help to tie-in local units with the integral responsibilities required in effective functioning from their level on up through the lines to the Division office.

District officers have also presented plans for a handbook covering their particular lines of responsibility—not only what has been tried and the results, but also future goals and activities. It is hoped that this material can be combined into a district officers' handbook, and made available to each incoming district officer.

Ella Price, president of Mangum Unit I, combined all the material presented in coaching clinics at the Guild Week-end in Many, and presented these packets to all members of the district committee in August. Each local unit is urged to use this information in a coaching conference, and to bring the results of these back to the district committee during the year.

Emma Pattillo, district chairman of Missionary Education, plans to visit all local units who have had no mission studies for jurisdiction credit during the year, pointing out methods of planning presenting beneficial, group studies.

Mildred Kee, district chairman of Spiritual Life, will again contact all local units during the early fall, reminding them of their many spiritual life outlet activities: prayer calendar usage, action-after-study offerings, etc.

A survey of the work in the Shreveport district last year presents many areas of growth for which all are proud. The prayer for the new year is that this district, and all the other districts throughout the conference, will be even more successful in membership increases, spiritual growth and mission support.

Y'ALL  
COME!

Where?  
Lafayette

When?  
March 14  
and 15

Why?

MISS HERMINE TATE—Local Chairman 1964  
Spring Meeting, Lafayette, La.

## Annual Spring Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds

The seven Guilds of Lafayette District are looking forward to entertaining the 1964 Spring Meeting. Headquarters will be at the Evangeline Hotel in Lafayette, with meetings at the First Methodist Church.

Guiding the plans for this meeting will be: Miss Mildred Evans of New Orleans, Program Chairman; Mrs. Bessie Fairley of Opelousas, Lafayette District Secretary; and Miss Hermine Tate of Lafayette, local chairman.

## TWO NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Bessie Fairley, Lafayette District Secretary, sent in a subscription to Guild Times for 2 friends of hers now in Burbank, California, Rev. and Mrs. Bill Chappell. Bessie says that she taught Mrs. Chappell in high school. She later married a missionary and they served in Africa for many years. Mrs. Chappell presented Bessie with a Life Membership Pin from the Women of Africa. The pin has the two letters LA in it, which in the African language stands for the Meeting of the Women. In presenting the pin they state that if the wearer commits some sin she is no longer eligible to wear the pin. Rev. and Mrs. Chappell now live in Burbank, California where he is pastor. They have four children. The two older boys, ages 16 and 17, assist their father each Sunday in the services. Both think they would like to go into full-time Christian work. Thanks, Bessie. We are happy to have Guild Times go into the home of these, your fine friends.

## IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathy to:

Mrs. Marcus Ford, Mansfield Guild, in the death of her husband. Mrs. Ford also recently lost her father.

Miss Jenibe Westbrook, Unit I, First Church, Monroe, in the death of her sister. Mrs. Paul Carroll of Bastrop.

Mrs. Paula Tooke, Unit I, First Church, Monroe, in the death of her mother, Mrs. Montgomery of Jena.

### LIFE ETERNAL

"I am standing upon the shore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty, and strength, and I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a spec of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says—"There! She's gone."

Gone where? Gone from my sight—that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, —and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her,—and, just at that moment when someone at my side says "there, she's gone," there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad cry—"There she comes!"





TABLE No. 9—in Dining Hall

## A CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL

Suggested dates: October 25-31.

Special Projects designated for Prayer and Self-Denial Gifts:  
United States:

Expansion and Improvement of Programs in Urban and Community Centers, including:

Campbell House, Gary Indiana (Remodeling and major repairs)

Wesley Community House, Fort Worth, Texas (new building)

Susannah Wesley Community Center, Honolulu, Hawaii (new building)

India:

Medical Colleges and Training Schools for Nurses

Retirement Fund for National Women in charge of Work

Educational Fund for the Upgrading of Institutions

Educational Subsidy Fund for National Women on Sabbatical Leave within Asia

Development of Christian Literature Program

Refer to your Methodist Woman and World Outlook for more information on the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. Be sure to observe it in your Guild.

News of sickness comes to us from our Guild members...

Mrs. Mary Johnston, Amite Guild, writes that her sister was in Touro, New Orleans, for a number of weeks.

Mrs. Velma McSween, Alexandria, our former Conference Treasurer, is recuperating from surgery.

Miss Mary Searles, Minden, had surgery in Shreveport last month.

## VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

This is the last minute with the printer and we do not have our letter from Vela. When I wrote her last I slipped a few rubber bands inside my envelope as Vela says they are among the precious items often needed but hard to get. I hope the rubber bands did not side track my letter to Vela. Seriously speaking, I imagine her very busy schedule has caused the delay in our getting a letter from her.

We have learned, by way of Florida news, that Vela's sister, Jean, professor at Scarritt College, in Nashville, underwent surgery recently at the St. Thomas Hospital. The report stated that she was doing nicely and we know she is at home recuperating 'ere this.

Vela's niece, Miss Betty Sue Cleveland, '63 graduate of Fort Meade High School, has entered Lackland Air Force Base where she will be stationed for eight weeks' basic training as a W.A.F. in the medical division.

Lillian Gaines, who is back in New Orleans now—and at her same job—(aren't we lucky to have her back in Louisiana?) writes that the Indian student, Annama Daniels, who came to the U.S. from Kolar to study nursing, hurt her back and has had to

Winifred Gregory  
Chairman of Registration  
Arline Tyler  
in the background



give up her studies for awhile. We hope that by the time Vela's friends read this bit of news that Annama will have improved sufficiently to again take up her study in nursing.

Vela—you'll be reading these notes along with the Louisiana Guilders. Of course your letter will be greatly missed but we want you to know that we think of you so very, very often and are always eager to know that things are well with you. Blessings on you each and every day...Our love goes out to you, half a world away.

## LOST! SEVERAL HUNDRED SUBSCRIBERS

Your editor hesitates to make the current report. We began, two issues back, reminding you that subscriptions for 1963-64 MUST BE IN BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE WENT TO PRESS. I have only received 550 subscriptions to date, from the following districts:

Monroe District	110
New Orleans District	102
Lake Charles District	88
Baton Rouge District	84
Shreveport District	64
Lafayette District	57
Alexandria District	22
Ruston District	18
Out of State	5
	550

Some of the Guilds have turned in a large number of subscriptions. Only about half of the Guilds of the Conference have been heard from. So, get those subscriptions in. You who have not paid your \$1.00 will receive a reminder in your bulletin. If there is an error, please let your editor know about it. Possibly your Literature chairman has delayed mailing the list to me. We must have 800 subscriptions paid for. In the next issue I will publish the list by Guilds. Would it not be wonderful if we could report 100% Guilds in the Conference subscribing?

District Secretaries, this is your job. Get behind your local Guilds and, if you think Guild Times is meaningful to the promotion of our Guild work in Louisiana, let's sell it to our Guild members.

And, may you be blessed with the results of your interest in Guild work.

Your editor,  
Elizabeth Langford

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## THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILDS

March 14-15, 1964  
Lafayette, La.



MRS. BESSIE FAIRLEY  
Opelousas  
LAFAYETTE DISTRICT SECRETARY

Your Program Chairman, Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life, gives you, in this issue, the excellent program that awaits you in Lafayette next March. The theme of the Spring Meeting is "GOD'S WORK IN OUR TIME". The District Secretary, Mrs. Bessie Fairley and the local chairman, Miss Hermine Tate, have been diligently at work preparing the details for entertainment. Headquarters will be at the Evangeline Hotel, with meeting in First Methodist Church.

Registration will begin Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock—Evangeline Hotel. The Conference Guild Committee will meet at 10:00 in the Garden Room of Evangeline Hotel, followed by a luncheon at 12:00 Noon.



MISS HERMINE TATE  
First Methodist Church, Lafayette  
GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF SPRING MEETING

1:00 Registration will continue at First Methodist Church  
"Go, therefore, and make disciples . . ." Matthew 28:19a.

1:45 Organ Prelude—Miss Alice Hartiens  
Theme Hymn "Jesus With Thy Church Abide" No. 380  
CONVENING OF THE 13th ANNUAL MEETING—Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, Presiding

Opening Worship—Mrs. Joseph Blanchard  
Welcome—Rev. R. R. Branton, Pastor of First Methodist  
Mrs. Bessie V. Fairley, Lafayette District Sec'y

### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Presentation of the Program—Miss Mildred Evans  
Seating of Delegates  
Report of Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules—  
Miss Elizabeth Langford, Chairman  
Appointment of Committees  
Introductions  
Announcements  
Report of Nominating Committee—Miss Marilyn Carter,  
Chairman  
Election  
Hymn—The Guild Hymn  
Report of the Conference Secretary—Miss Arline Tyler  
Report of Conference Chairmen:  
Christian Social Relations—Mrs. Alvin Sandefur  
Missionary Education and Service—Mrs. Austin Miller  
Spiritual Life—Miss Mildred Evans  
Supply Work—Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Sr.  
Guild Times—Miss Elizabeth Langford  
Report of Tellers  
Hymn "O Jesus I Have Promised" No. 226  
"You will be enriched in every way for great generosity  
... " 11 Cor. 9:11a  
PLEDGE SERVICE—Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference  
Treasurer

4:15 FELLOWSHIP TEA—at the Wesley Foundation Student  
Center—Rayne and Abbeville Guilds  
"O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known  
His deeds among the people." Psalm 105:1

6:00 DINNER. Featuring Christian Social Relations—Fellowship  
Room, First Methodist Church—Mrs. Alvin Sandefur,  
presiding

Invocation—Rev. Jerome Cain, District Superintendent  
Introductions  
Message—Dr. Vela Cleveland, Medical Missionary to  
Ellen Thoburn Memorial Hospital and School of Nursing—Kolar, India  
Special Music—Members Wesley Foundation Student  
Center—University of Southwestern Louisiana  
Benediction—Guild Benediction in Unison

### EVENING SESSION

#### SANCTUARY—FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Miss Arline Tyler, Presiding  
"We will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry  
of the word." Acts 6:4  
8:00 Organ Prelude—Miss Alice Hartiens  
Hymn "We Thank Thee, Lord" No. 458  
Prayer—Rev. H. R. Hines, Pastor, Davidson Memorial  
Church  
Special Music—Members Wesley Foundation—Student  
Center, University of Southwestern Louisiana  
Address—Bishop Aubrey G. Walton  
"I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you  
before I suffer." Luke 22:15  
Communion Service and Dedication of Gifts—  
Rev. R. R. Branton, Rev. Robert S. Barefield and Rev.  
C. R. McCammon  
(See THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SPRING Page 2)



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

How many new members have you added? . . . How about orientation for these new members? . . . Have the unorganized churches in your district been contacted and any promotion done to arouse interest in Guild work among the employed women of these churches? . . . Did you have a training conference for local officers? . . . The key word involved in all these questions is MEMBERSHIP. This year has been designated as one of an "all-out drive for membership" by the Woman's Division. Isn't this the very heart of our need? It is to be a joint effort—Wesleyan Service Guild and Woman's Society of Christian Service. In preparation for this "all-out drive" a study of the organizations, using A PRIMER OF THE WORK OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD is recommended. Each local president is to receive one copy of this from her district secretary. Use it in joint study with the Woman's Society or in smaller groups—but use it! With your conference committee working, your district committee working, and every local Guild working let's FIND 'EM . . . WIN 'EM . . . KEEP 'EM!

JANUARY IS GUILD MONTH. Again, let us localize this memorable event. Plan with your pastor and Woman's Society of Christian Service to present the purpose and service of these two organizations to the entire congregation. Wherever possible extend this observance to district level.

GUILD TIMES. Are you a subscriber? Remember our goal was 800 for the year, 1963-64. Our Editor is doing her part. This is a vital work and an outstanding publication. Let's make that 800 subscriptions a reality by the close of Guild Month. I believe we CAN and that we WILL.

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING. Read all about it elsewhere in this issue. Our goal is to have every Guild in our conference represented. Election of Chairmen of three lines of work, namely: Literature, Missionary Education, Supply Work, and one representative from the Woman's Society of Christian Service and two delegates to the jurisdiction Guild Weekend will be a responsibility in which you share. Important recommendations await your decision. In addition to these matters, there will be the program of information, inspiration, and fellowship. See you in Lafayette.

MID-YEAR COMMITTEE. I believe I expressed the feeling of your conference committee in saying: "We found it a profitable experience to have a 'real' mid-year meeting with time to hear full reports and discuss many issues." I know it was most helpful and meaningful to your conference secretary. We hope this plan will be continued in the future.

LOOKING FORWARD. Plans are in the making and anticipation is running high for the visitation of Mary Ruth Nickels, Field Work for the Woman's Division, in our conference in October, 1964. More news and details to follow.

God bless each of you in your every effort in the building of His Kingdom.

Arline Tyler  
Conference Secretary

## SUPPLY WORK

Mrs. T. D. Guthrie (Ruth), Conference Chairman

Hoping you are having a joyful Christmas season with your families and loved ones, I now wish you a richly blessed New Year, a year of fruitful work for our Master, and one of great spiritual growth. As the new year is considered to be a time for resolutions, may each Guild in our Conference resolve to make Supply Work "come alive", and actually "LIVE IN OUR MIDST" by presenting interesting information from and about our locations of interest during their monthly programs.

The New Year is not only a time for making resolutions, but it is also a time for balancing the budget. Treasurers' reports indicate that 'Cash Askings' are being met but—let's do resolve to balance the budget of Supply Work through our knowledge of locations, through our interest and prayers. This must be done to reach the GOAL and the PURPOSE of Supply Work.

TO ALL LOCAL CHAIRMEN OF SUPPLY WORK: NOW is the time to send your District Chairman a detailed report of all Supply Work activities, ways of presenting Supply Work, programs, posters, parties, visits to locations, etc. This information is needed by your District Chairman in order for her to report to the Conference Chairman. It is my sincere wish that I will have a fine report to present at the annual Spring meeting in March at Lafayette.

## YOUR CONFERENCE PRESIDENT SPEAKS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

JANUARY 19, 1964, will be a significant date in the life of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild. On this date, every local Guild and Society is called upon to join the Woman's Division of Christian Service, which will be in session, in a special program, launching a two and one-half year 25th Anniversary Observation of the Societies and Guilds. Additional information and materials will appear in the JANUARY, 1964, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. The Guild and Society are asked to plan together (in churches where there are both groups) to make this an occasion of challenge and inspiration.

When the presidents and treasurers met with the Woman's Division in September, plans for the 25th Anniversary Observance were developed under three headings: Our Heritage; Facts and Trends; and Goals. Though we can look to our past with pride, it is not our purpose to revel in our history. Rather we must recognize that the most important thing about our history is not what we have done in the past, but what that history means for the future.

The Facts and Trends in our work at home and overseas indicate changing needs in programs and methods; a great untapped potential in the womanhood of the Church; and a challenge to render a more effective account of our stewardship in finances and self-giving.

Three general Goals were presented and approved. The first of these—GROWTH IN UNDERSTANDING AND SPIRITUAL POWER—undergirds the other two and goes straight to the heart of our basic concern. The other Goals are: INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE OF NEEDS IN THE WORLD and SHARING THROUGH WITNESS AND SERVICE IN THE OUTREACH OF THE CHURCH. In the days ahead these goals will be interpreted and implemented so that every local woman can accept them as her own.

In terms of specific goals, each Conference has been asked to work toward a 25% increase in pledge giving and in membership. These two increases cannot be separated. However, this goal is not to win new members just to increase funds and numbers on the rolls, but that, through additional dedicated gifts and lives, we may make a more effective Christian witness in the world.

A third goal concerns personnel needs. During this special two and one-half year period, each Conference is called upon to recruit: 1 missionary; 1 deaconess or home missionary; 1 U.S.-2; and 1 Overseas-3.

The achievement of these goals—both general and specific—will depend upon the depths of our dedication and the strength of our conviction that the work we do through the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society belongs to the Kingdom.

Estelle Dameron,  
Conference President.

## THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SPRING . . .

(Continued From Page 1)  
SUNDAY, MARCH 15  
EVANGELINE HOTEL

"I pray that the sharing of your faith may promote the knowledge of all the good that is ours in Christ."  
Philemon 1:6

7:00 Quiet Breakfast—Miss Mildred Evans, Presiding  
Invocation—Mrs. Frank Foreman  
Special Music—Mrs. Nora Cage, Mrs. Newport, Accompanist  
Meditation—Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Conference President,  
Woman's Society of Christian Service  
Closing Prayer—Miss Marilyn Carter

8:30 Order of Business  
Report of Committees  
"Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest." Luke 10:2

9:00 Missionary Hour—Mrs. Austin Miller, Presiding  
Hymn "O Zion, Haste" No. 475  
Address—Mrs. Glenn Laskey  
Closing Prayer—Mrs. Beverly Biehler

10:00 Adjournment  
10:50 Worship Service—First Methodist Church  
12:15 Buffet Luncheon—Fellowship Room, First Methodist Church  
First Methodist Guild

## HERE AND THERE

We are pleased to announce the marriage of Mrs. Ruth Cowell of Pineville to Mr. E. D. Baker of Shreveport on Sunday, December 3rd. Ruth's new address is 323 West 68th Street, Shreveport.





Mrs. Carl  
Gallaher,  
Conference  
Treasurer,  
writing ex-  
pence checks  
at Guild  
Mid-Year  
Meeting.

### Your Conference Treasurer Says:

THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD PLEDGE TO MISSIONS FOR 1963-1964 IS \$17,930.00	
AMOUNT PAID ON PLEDGE FIRST TWO QUARTERS	
ALEXANDRIA .....	\$ 733.34
BATON ROUGE .....	1,472.90
LAFAYETTE .....	775.25
LAKE CHARLES .....	1,198.05
MONROE .....	1,293.73
NEW ORLEANS .....	889.50
RUSTON .....	1,003.40
SHREVEPORT .....	1,131.17
<b>TOTAL PAID ON PLEDGE</b> .....	<b>\$8,497.34</b>

The above figures show that the half-way mark was not reached the First two Quarters on the Pledge to Missions. Check and see how your District stands.

I am asking each one of you to take advantage of every opportunity to interpret the needs of the Woman's Division. Be informed about the projects in the Department of Work in Home Fields and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields. Information for ALL the WORK of the Woman's Division is found in the Program Books. Approved Studies, Methodist Woman, World Outlook. Do You Know, Home and Foreign Field, The Woman's Division Annual Report, and the Louisiana Conference Annual Report. PLEASE READ, STUDY, AND USE the information contained in the above materials so each GUILD MEMBER will be an informed member.

THE NEEDS ARE GREAT. It is a challenge and an opportunity to give of your SERVICE, GIFTS, AND PRAYERS.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

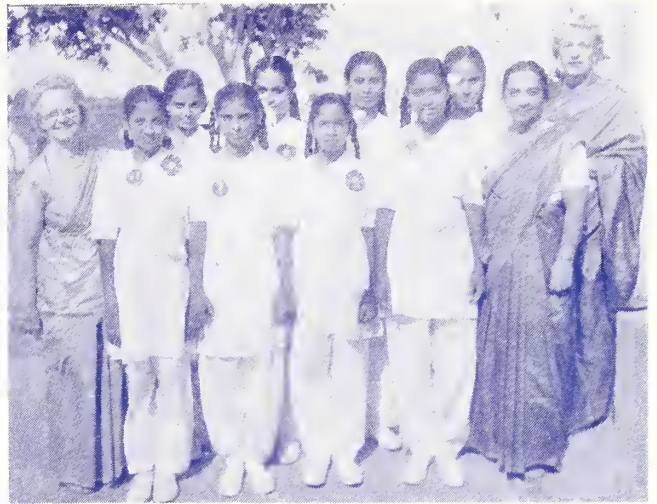
You will find in this issue an outline of the interesting and inspiring program planned for you for the Annual Spring Meeting March 14-15, 1964 in Lafayette. You will be doing yourself and your Wesleyan Service Guild a disservice by not attending the meeting. We hope you are planning on being with us in Lafayette.

We trust that all of you observed "A Call To Prayer and Self-Denial" October 25-31, 1963 and that it was truly a time of prayer and self-denial for you.

Prayer Calendar, 1964 may be ordered from Literature Headquarters. If you are not already using the Prayer Calendar in your personal and family devotions why not begin with 1964?

World Day of Prayer, Friday, February 14, 1964, is the first Friday in Lent. The theme is "Let Us Pray". Plan for its observance and make the day truly a time of prayer; a good beginning for a solemn and holy period culminating with Easter.

My prayer and wish for all of you is that the joy, happiness and blessings of Christmas, the birthday of our Lord and Saviour, will remain with you throughout the New Year and fill your hearts with light and peace.



The picture shown here was sent by Vela. It shows the girls of the KOLAR GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OFFERING IN STUDENT MOVEMENT on the occasion of their installation. Guest Speaker: Vela Cleveland; Special Guest: Esther Shoemaker; Principal: Chandrica Desai.

## VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

Dear Friends:

On October 18th, after approximately a 33-hour trip from Bombay, I was in Tampa, Florida, only a short distance from home. This was quite a contrast to the 32 days it took me to go to India just four and one-half years ago.

It is good to be home again and with my family, and with Dad, especially. In September he had a sudden setback and it was found he had metastasis of the malignancy in his spine. He has further extensions of the disease elsewhere, too, and is now entirely a bed patient. My sister-in-law Betty has been a wonderful nurse. She has been caring for Dad in her home during these past weeks. As a doctor I usually give the orders, but this time Betty is teaching me to take the orders and be a nurse! As some of you will want to know, Dad is very ill and seems to be going down fairly rapidly. He has been very interested in his mail and has appreciated the cards and flowers which many of you have sent to him. Let me say thank you, too.

And now, I will add just a few words about Suri, as many of you have written inquiries about her. (The picture of "Suri" shown at right was sent by Vela in her letter of September 30th.)



Suri came to the train to say "goodbye" as I was leaving India. She has become a really beautiful, sweet child.

I may not be able to be at home for a full length furlough this time, since I came home six months early. However, before I return to India next summer I'm expecting to visit in Louisiana and with you. I hope I can be with you for the annual Spring Meeting in March. So until I see you—

Blessing on thee all,  
Vela

Vela's present address:

P. O. Box 8, Fort Meade, Florida

Word comes from Vela just as we are reading the final copy for this issue of Guild Times: Dr. Cleveland passed away Thursday, December 12th. His funeral was held at the First Methodist Church in Forte Meade, Florida on the 15th. You who wish to write to Vela may reach her—c/o P. O. Box 8, Forte Meade, Florida.

Vela—We are so glad that you could be at the bedside of your father during these last days. We know you brought him much comfort and joy. Memories of those hours will sustain you during the days ahead. You have our understanding love and affection.





Officers attending the mid-year meeting of the Louisiana Conference Guild Committee in Alexandria, November 9-10, at the Holiday Inn. Seated, left to right, Thelma Louise Jones, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Miss Maree White, Miss Arlene Tyler and Mrs. George Thomas. Standing: Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Miss Mildred Evans, Mrs. Austin Miller, Mrs. Janie Phillips, Mrs. Bessie Fairley, Miss Laura Lynch, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Mrs. Norma Daye, Mrs. Milton Baldrige (and your editor, who took the picture).

## MID-YEAR GUILD COMMITTEE MEETING

On November 9-10 your conference officers enjoyed a very fine mid-year meeting at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria, with 16 officers in attendance. Miss Arlene Tyler, Conference Secretary, had planned, in detail, an excellent order of business which touched on every phase of Guild work. Miss Maree White, Recording Secretary, was kept busy with records, minutes, and reports. The Guild Committee is always happy to have the officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service who are members of the Committee to assist in plans for Guild work throughout the conference. Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Treasurer, Mrs. George Thomas, and Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., are on the Guild Committee. In the absence of Miss Marie Pace, District Secretary of Alexandria, Miss Thelma Louise Jones represented the district. Mrs. Norma Daye of Minden represented the Ruston District in the absence of Miss Sue Batton. Details of the Spring meeting were presented by the chairman, Miss Mildred Evans.



At Guild Committee Meeting: Mrs. Austin Miller, Chairman of Missionary Education, Miss Maree White, Recording Secretary and Miss Arlene Tyler, Conference Secretary.

## FROM YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

When the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild assemblies in Lafayette, Louisiana, on March 14 and 15, an event of great importance will be found on the program. This event is the election of certain officers who will help in leading the

## APPRECIATION COMES FROM SUE BATTON

"I deeply appreciate your concern, your love, your flowers, gifts, letters and cards . . . and, most of all, your prayers. I am feeling fine and doing Guild work each day from my desk at home. In time, I will write each one of you individually, but it will take time to write to more than 2000 of you wonderful folks."

Devotedly,  
Sue

## IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathy to Elizabeth Randall of Bunkie Guild, in the loss of her mother.

program of the Guild in the Louisiana Conference during the next four years.

The responsibility for the selection of these officers rests in the body of voting delegates. There is one delegate from each local Guild for the first twenty members, plus one delegate for each additional twenty members or major fraction thereof. Every voting delegate should give prayerful consideration to the selection of these leaders.

So that all vacancies will not occur within the same year, some officers are elected at the second year of the quadrennium and other officers are elected at the fourth year of the quadrennium. This being the fourth year of the quadrennium, the following officers are to be elected according to Article VI, Section 4C of the Wesleyan Service Guild By-laws: Chairman of Missionary Education, Chairman of Supply, Chairman of Literature, and one Woman's Society member-at-large on the Conference Guild Committee.

### The Chairman of Missionary Education:

- promotes approved studies throughout the conference
- makes contacts with and shares news of missionary personnel
- interprets missionary enterprise of the Church

### The Chairman of Supply:

- receives conference assignment of projects and quotas for supply work each year and in turn sets quotas for each district
- promotes giving to these projects and personalizes the projects

### The Chairman of Literature:

- assumes responsibility for handling literature at Guild Weekend
- promotes GUILD TIMES, METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, and publications of the Woman's Division—especially PROGRAM BOOKLET and PRAYER CALENDAR

### The Representative of the Woman's Society of Christian Service:

- should be a conference officer
- should have an understanding of and concern for the Guild and Guild work

The office of Chairman of Literature is a new one and this being the fourth year of the quadrennium, it will be filled for the first time at this Spring Meeting.

The nominating committee would welcome suggestions. Members of the committee are: Miss Marilyn Carter, Chairman, Lafayette District (276 West Cheney Street, Opelousas, Louisiana); Mrs. Helen Adams Preston, Lake Charles District; Miss Ruby Craton, Ruston District; Mrs. Ruth Travis, Baton Rouge District; and Mrs. Ruth Cowell Baker, Shreveport District.

Marilynn Carter, Chairman



## BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

Changes made in the Standing Rules and Proposed Changes to the Bylaws of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee met on Friday evening, July 12, 1963, at Camp Brewer. Present were Miss Elizabeth Langford, Chairman, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Jr., Miss Dorothy Dunbar, and Miss Maree White.

The following changes in the Standing Rules of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild were proposed:

Change Rule 3. a. to read:

Conference Guild Committee Meetings. There shall be at least two meetings of the Conference Guild Committee each year. One of these shall be in connection with the annual spring meeting. The other shall be a mid-year meeting, the date to be designated by the administrative committee.

Delete Rule 3. b. and substitute a new Rule 3. b.:

There shall be a program of training in Guild work within each district, to be directed by the district Guild committee.

Change Rule 11. b. to read:

Expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee to the mid-year meeting of the Conference Guild Committee shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation fund.

Change Rule 11. c. to read:

Expenses of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of the Lines of Work, and co-opted Guild members of the Conference Guild Committee, to the Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation fund.

Change Rule 11. d. to read:

Expenses of the District Secretaries to the Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from District Cultivation funds.

Change Rule 11. e. to read:

Expenses of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary and/or the Chairmen of the Lines of Work in the pattern to attend the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and the Jurisdiction School of Missions shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund. If four or fewer of this group attend, travel shall be in one car and 5c per mile shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund. If five or more persons make up the official delegation, then expenses of two cars at 5c per mile each car shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund. Travel to and from the place of meeting of an official car shall be paid by the Conference. If any designated person in the pattern should elect to travel by other means than the above, she shall do so at her own expense.

These above changes were subsequently approved by the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild voting body in session at Camp Brewer, July 14, 1963.

The Committee further recommended that a new Section 3 be added to Article V of the Bylaws of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild:

Article V, Section 3. There shall be an Administrative Committee, composed of the Conference Secretary, who shall be the chairman, the Recording Secretary, and three other members of the Conference Guild Committee, who shall be appointed biennially by the Conference Secretary. The Administrative Committee shall transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the Conference Guild Committee.

The Existing Article V, Section 3, shall become Article V, Section 4.

The existing Article V, Section 4, shall become Article V, Section 5.

The Committee instructed the Secretary to send to the Conference Guild units notice of the proposed change in the Bylaws, in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1, of the Bylaws, the proposed change to be voted on at the Annual Spring Meeting, 1964.

Maree White  
Recording Secretary

At the Louisiana Conference Mid-year Guild Committee Meeting, in session November 9-10 in Alexandria, Louisiana the following changes were recommended by the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee. These changes will be presented at the Spring Meeting in Lafayette in March.

On page 130—Conference Annual, under Bylaws of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild:

Change Article V, Section 1, to read:

"There shall be a Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference composed of the Secretary of the Guild, the recording secretary, the chairmen of the lines of work, and the district secretaries of the Guild; the

president, the treasurer, and the secretary of promotion of the Woman's Society AND TWO OTHER REPRESENTATIVES WHO SHALL BE OFFICERS OR SECRETARIES OF LINES OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY TO BE ELECTED BIENNIALY by the conference Guild. Such additional members as the work demands may be co-opted."

Add a new Section 6 to Article V:

"There shall be within the conference Guild committee a budget committee. The committee shall be composed of the conference President, the conference Treasurer, the conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and two other Guild members appointed biennially by the Conference Secretary."

In Article VI, Section 4 b:

Delete "... and one Woman's Society member-at-large shall be elected."

In Article VI, Section 4 c:

Delete "... and one Woman's Society member-at-large shall be elected."

To Article VI, Section 4, add a new paragraph d:

"The two Woman's Society members-at-large of the Conference Guild Committee shall be elected biennially at the second and fourth years of the quadrennium."

November 9, 10, 1963

Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee  
of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan  
Service Guild

Elizabeth Langford, Chairman  
Arline Tyler  
Mrs. G. W. Dameron  
Maree White  
(absent, Mrs. Glenn Laskey  
Miss Dorothy Dunbar)

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur, Chairman

We have just observed Human Rights Day on December 10. Realizing that a social revolution is occurring in all areas of the world, I have decided that I, as an individual Christian, must examine and redirect some of my attitudes and daily actions. Perhaps this New Year, 1964, is a fitting time for each of us to realize that much of what we think concerning social problems is influenced by what we read. Therefore, when we read let us seek new, more Christlike ideas instead of looking to the secular press for facts to support our pre-established beliefs.

With God as our partner let us accept His direction and pray that He will use us in His plan to build Christian citizenship for all men. Let us refrain from engaging in conversation that reflects unjustly on any ethnic group.

When we shop at the market, drive on the highway or carry on in our profession, let us be as courteous to any stranger as we are to a member of our social club.

As Southerners, let us continue to hold to our hearts the deep love and concern that has so long characterized personal contacts between races. I pray that this Christian concern can be extended to characterize group relations. Let us train our minds to think of all men as created by God—and like Him.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Marie Pace, District Secretary

Thelma Louise Jones, Reporter

The Alexandria District continues its Guild work by completing studies, remembering the shut-ins, observing UNICEF—United Nations Day, furnishing flowers for the sanctuary of their churches, preparing the elements for communion, working to enroll new members, planning Christmas Parties for members and their families and parties for the less fortunate. Some Guilds report members serving on Official Boards of their church, distributing the Upper Room in hospitals and railroad and bus stations, participation in the Call to Prayer and Self Denial, and membership in The 1000 Club.

Bunkie reports preparing a UNICEF window in a local flower shop and helping in a drive for UNICEF which resulted in a collection of approximately \$400.00. They also helped serve the children after the drive. Their August meeting was held in the Shady Rest Nursing Home for the senior citizens. During their study on Asia they had as a guest a missionary from South Asia who showed interesting slides.

Trinity (Alexandria) invited Mrs. Bee Sandefur, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations, and the Alexandria District Officers to their November 4th meeting. They also welcomed Mrs. Janice Richardson of Bunkie as a guest. After their regular

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## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

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meeting which was conducted by their president, Mrs. Herman Doyle, the guests were invited to talk. Mrs. Lou Kelly gave a beautiful devotional. During the social hour, the hostess, Mrs. Eunice Sayes, served delicious refreshments. Trinity has a full program scheduled for the next few meetings.

Pineville Guild reports a study concluded, *The Christian Family and Its Money*. One of the highlights of this study was a talk given by Mr. Michael M. Bearden, Trust Officer, of a local bank. Several members expressed their appreciation for the useful information received. Pineville prepared a window for UN Day in a local department store. Pineville is saddened by the loss of three members, Mrs. Mabel Powell, who is living in Texas for a while with an elderly member of her family, Mrs. Violet Thomas who remarried and is living in Cleveland, Texas, and Mrs. Ruth Cowell who is to be married December 1 and will move to Shreveport, Louisiana. All three members are devoted to Guild. Pineville is glad to report two new members added to their roll. These members are proving themselves to be valuable workers.



The above Worship Setting was created by Guilders from First Church, Baton Rouge, from materials gathered at Camp Brewer last summer. They gathered the moss, cones, driftwood and fern down by the little stream, that winds its way pass the Vesper Point, after the Communion Service on Sunday morning. Ethel Harris made the effective center. The candle was lighted during the meeting in which the Guilders gave reports on the Guild Weekend. We wish we could give you the scene in its true color.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Sara Wadsworth, District Secretary

The Baton Rouge District is happy to report a good year so far. We have had our coaching clinics. On September 15 we held one at the Istrouma Church in Baton Rouge for the Baton Rouge units as well as Greensburg and Jackson. This meeting was well attended. On September 29 we held another clinic for the other guilds in the district at Bogalusa.

Our Fall Meeting was held at the Winbourne Church on October 6. We had an attendance of 60 at this meeting.

We are planning a Citizen Brunch to be held at Bogalusa on January 26. Sixteen units out of seventeen have made their reports. Several units are working on study courses. All are busy with varied church activities.

Mrs. Earl (Martha) Klein of First Methodist Church Guild reports the following:

At a recent meeting of Unit 1, First Church, Baton Rouge, a happy birthday party was held celebrating the 27th birthday. Of particular interest was the naming of this group for its founder, so it is now known as the Ruth McConnell Guild. The organizers met on Mrs. McConnell's porch at its initial meeting and at her home for some time afterwards. She has been active with the group since then and it was an honor to have her present at this meeting.

Mrs. Louise Beard concluded the study with *"The Christian Family and Its Money"* with the final report, and a summary of

the entire course. Others participating earlier in the weekly meetings were Mrs. Ena Hardcastle, Mrs. Alice Tucker, Mrs. Christine Hackett, Miss Lola Mae Hunt and Mrs. Martha Klein.

Special love gifts were made to a very ill member, to the Christian Fund for its orphaned boy in Bethlehem, to the Wheel Chair Project, and the church library.

The Guild is organizing the church library as a special project as it moves into the new Adult Center. Mrs. Sybil Farr, a professional librarian, is in charge of this unit and made requests for more volunteers.

A special annual service, *"A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial"* was held in October, preceding the business meeting in the W. R. Aldrich Memorial Chapel. Mrs. Ford Longsdorf was in charge. Others participating were Miss Frances Dunbar, Miss Geraldine Wall, Miss Mary Annie Wall, Miss Lola Mae Hunt and Mrs. Alice Tucker.

At each Guild meeting a beautiful altar centerpiece is arranged by Mrs. Ethel Harris, chairman of arts and decorations. At the last meeting of the study *"The Christian Family and Its Money"*, the arrangement was comprised of gold and yellow chrysanthemums with gold silk drapery, and a large glass of greenbacks.

Miss Geraldine Wall, principal of Highland Elementary School, and a member of the Adult Motet Choir, is president of the Ruth McConnell Guild.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. Bessie Fairley, District Secretary

The highlight of our district work since the last issue of GUILD TIMES was our fall meeting in Houma. We were entertained with a buffet luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon. It was truly a fellowship meeting as the members of the Houma Guild proved to be ideal hostesses. Our program opened with a very inspirational meditation given by Marilynn Carter. Then Membership-Visitation was presented by four Guilds. Philosophy of Membership—Rayne. The Membership Committee—New Iberia. Keeping Your Members—Lafayette. Dropped Members—Opelousas.

Mrs. Luman Douglas, a member of the Houma WSCS was our Pianist.

We were pleased to have Mrs. Eloi Girard, our District President of the WSCS, Mrs. Valley Houston, the Coordinator for the Houma Guild and Mrs. H. D. Mathews, President of the WSCS in Opelousas. Mrs. Mathews participated in the skit with the Opelousas Guild.

Our Spring District Meeting will be held in New Iberia in April 1964.

The Rayne Guild has received Jurisdiction Recognition for the Study *"Christian Mission in Southern Asia."*

Several Guilds have reported new members, however, the Lafayette Guild has the largest number—six.

All local units have participated in the *"Call to Prayer and Self-Denial."* Most of these were in cooperation with the local W.S.C.S.

The District Secretary attended the District Staff Meeting of the Lafayette District Area Council in New Iberia. At this meeting we learned many things about the work of the church and how necessary it is for all organizations to work together.

Miss Hermine Tate, local chairman for the Spring Meeting to be held in Lafayette March 14 and 15, 1964, has all committees set up and functioning. We are looking forward to a very fine meeting.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Laura Lynch, District Secretary

The Lake Charles District executive committee met at the Welsh Methodist Church on September 22, 1963 for its first meeting of the year. At that time, plans were made for the Coaching Conference, and the new program on Membership—Visitation was discussed.

A Coaching Conference was held on November 3, 1963, at the Simpson Methodist Church in Lake Charles. There were thirty-nine in attendance, representing eleven of the fourteen Guilds in the district. We were happy to note that three more Guilds were represented than were last year.

The Primer On The Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild has been placed in each Guild. You are urged to use it.

Treasurer's reports for the first two quarters reveal that the district has met a greater part of its financial obligations for 1963-1964 than it had over the same period last year. Keep up the good work.

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## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

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The District Secretary visited the De Quincy Guild on November 18th. The Membership—Visitation program was presented. A need for such a program was felt by members in attendance.

Most of the Guilds in the district participated in the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial during October. Many programs were held jointly with the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Julia Reid unit First Church, Lake Charles had as its guest for their program the Maplewood unit. Maye Youngblood and Susie Jones Guilders had a joint program at the Wesley Methodist Church in De Ridder.

Guilders, throughout the district, can be found serving in many ways. Some are on Official Boards, Chairmen of Commissions, officers and teachers in Church Schools, choir members, communion stewards, M.Y.F. leaders, assisting in fellowship activities, and in many other ways. A Bluebird Group is sponsored by the Susie Jones unit of DeRidder. Members of the Lena Sweeny unit sent a box of new and used clothing to Dulac Mission in Houma, Louisiana.

A number of Studies have been reported recently. Three units have done studies for J R recognition. Several units reported plans for joint studies with the Wcman's Society. Each Guild is urged to participate in this important phase of our program.

Don't forget Guild Month in January. It is hoped that each Guild in the district will give special attention to it through special programs, through church bulletins, leaflets, and by other means that you may think of.

Thank you for your interest in Guild work. Let us make 1963-1964 our best year's work.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. M. W. (Janie) Phillips, District Secretary

The Monroe District Guilds are back at work after a pleasant summer.

Marilyn Hudson, Spiritual Life Chairman for Monroe District, is planning a Retreat. Look for the date, for her programs are always storehouses of Spiritual inspiration and encouragement.

Remember that January is Guild Month. Plan for special recognition during that time.

The Mer Rouge Guild held a joint meeting with the W.S.C.S. in September. Bastrop, First Church of Monroe, and Bonita Guilds were invited to hear Mrs. Martha Overby speak and show films of various phases of her work in the Urania-Olla area. That unit held a very successful sweet-sale in October.

Bastrop unit enjoyed a fellowship supper in September with the District Secretary and the local W.S.C.S. president as guests.

Elizabeth Langford, Secretary of Promotion of First Church Guild, Dot Moss of Mer Rouge and the District Secretary were guests at a covered dish supper at Southside Guild in Monroe in September. As usual, that Guild is alive and working well.

Rayville Guild held a joint meeting with the W.S.C.S. in November. The District Secretary, Elma Carter and Elizabeth Kessinger of Mer Rouge were guests. The tea table was most attractive with a beautiful harvest arrangement. Rayville reported an "Asian Dinner" with members wearing Asian costumes, preceding the study on Southeast Asia.

Unit 1 and the Elizabeth Langford Guild of First Church concluded their JR Study of "The Changing City Challenges the Church" with a covered dish supper, followed by the skit "Joey", emphasizing the theme of the study. Minza Rabun and Ruth Guthrie of Bastrop assisted with the skit. The presentation was delightful and the members reported much interest in the entire study. Mer Rouge members were guests.

In November the West Monroe Guild presented an outstanding program on the Wesleys and Methodism. First Church Guild, Unit I were special guests. A delightful fellowship hour concluded the evening's program.

Columbia reports fine activities on the local level.

It isn't too early to begin making plans to attend the Spring Meeting in March. It is being suggested that Monroe District charter a bus for the trip to Lafayette. The tour to New Orleans by bus was a never-to-be-forgotten one and a repeat is in order. Goal: Every Guild in Monroe District represented when the bus pulls out of Monroe. Begin to think in terms of a bus trip.

Let all Guilds work hard to encourage new members to join our ranks. In order for the Guilds to grow, the individuals must grow both spiritually and in knowledge of Guild work.

My prayers are with you.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mrs. Milton C. (Louise) Baldridge, District Secretary

The District-Wide Study—"Christian Issues in Southern Asia" was presented in October. Miss Sophie Kuntz was our leader. It was a most interesting and informative study, resulting in a better understanding of persons who differ from us in nationality and culture. The attendance was good; 11 Guilds were represented.

The Spiritual Life Retreat held at "Dielmann Camp, Waveland, Miss. October 26th-27th provided the time, place and quiet needed to think about God, to know Him more fully through Christ, and listen to His personal word for us. Mrs. Carl Lueg was our leader. It was a wonderful, enriching experience, and may we continue to grow in knowledge and Christian understanding through prayer and study. We are happy to report that 11 Guilds attended. Mrs. Dorothy Blanchard, District Spiritual Life was the chairman for the Retreat.

The Coaching Conference was held on October 26th at Dielman's Camp before the Retreat started. "A Primer on the Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service & Wesleyan Service Guild" and "Getting and Keeping Members" were sent to all Presidents about October 1st., requesting that they study the material and be prepared to ask and answer questions as the coaching Conference would be on MEMBERSHIP only. Four Guilds presented a "Skit" on PHILOSOPHY OF MEMBERSHIP, THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, KEEPING YOUR MEMBERS and DROPPED MEMBERS. There were 38 in attendance. This was an informative session, there was a feeling of enthusiasm for the Membership and Visitation Program.

CARROLLTON (Epworth) Ethel Redditt, reporter: November 21st our Guild held a "Fun Festival and White Elephant Sale". There were eight members who attended the Retreat in October, it was an inspiring and restful week-end. A dinner was given for Katie Cook who was married on November 22nd.—Best Wishes Katie!

FIRST METHODIST—Marquerite Walls, reporter: It was a joy to have the District-Wide Study "Christian Issues in Southern Asia" held at our church in October, so much was learned about the people in Asia, it was a wonderful study and enjoyed by all who attended. The District Retreat was out-standing! It was a weekend that will long live in our memories. We are saddened by the loss of our beloved member—Mrs. Lillian Henling who passed away November 16th. Our prayers are with the family.

COVINGTON—Patty Byron, reporter: The Guild joined with the W.S.C.S. for the study "The Christian Family and Its Money" and the church for the study "Our Mission Today".

MUNHOLLAND—June Smith, reporter: November 15th the W.S.C.S. entertained both Guild Units of the church with a Buffet Supper, there were 50 in attendance. A program was presented "This is your Life"—honoring DeEllo Simon for the out-standing work she has done in the church, the Guild, and all those who cross her path. In September, Dorothy Hoppmeyer was presented an "Honorary Life Pin" in appreciation for the many hours so graciously given to the Guild; she is also our co-ordinator. We attend the District-Wide Study "Christian Issues in Southern Asia", and presented a "Fashion Show showing the clothes worn by the people of Pakistan. Many of our members attended the "Retreat" in October and were proud of our own Dorothy Blanchard who planned the wonderful weekend.

SLIDELL—Ruth Vega, reporter: The W.S.C.S. and Guild held a joint Day of Prayer on October 24th. In July two members sponsored a Mission Tour for the M. Y. F., visiting St. Marks Community and the Methodist Home Hospital. We are looking forward to a most successful year, with an increase in membership.

ST. BERNARD—Pauline Colburn, reporter: The Guild will assist the M.Y.F. with the Thanksgiving Baskets for needy families. Our Guild members were happy to be among those present at the wonderful "Retreat" held in October.

GENTILLY—Helen Schallom, reporter: Our Guild was happy to be those present at the study "Christian Issues in Southern Asia", it was a very interesting and informative study. We are working on our membership.

ST. MATTHEWS—Skip Brown, reporter: We have started making our Christmas gifts for the elderly ladies of the Poydras Home and the girls of the Methodist Home Hospital. Our Guild attended the study "Christian Issues in Southern Asia" and will apply for a J.R. credit.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Sue Batton, District Secretary

Mrs. Finely Sneed, reporter for the Jonesboro Guild, sent in  
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## RUSTON DISTRICT

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the following: The Jonesboro Guild met in the Fellowship Hall of the church for their annual membership supper on September 30th. After a delicious supper, the members and guests were welcomed by the president, Mrs. Dewitt Jones; Vice President, Mrs. Joe Key; Spiritual Life Chairman, Miss Effie Smartt; Secretary, Mrs. Clyde Tyler; Treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Terry; Christian Social Relations Chairman, Mrs. Louie Butler; Missionary Education Chairman, Mrs. John Hall; Supply Chairman, Mrs. J. C. Baker and Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Finley Sneed.

Mrs. Joe Key gave a very interesting talk on the work and purpose of the Guild.

Miss Effie Smart was in charge of several interesting games enjoyed by the following: Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Tatum, Mrs. R. K. Tankersley, Mrs. William Jimmerson, Mrs. C. L. Steadman, Mrs. E. M. Cox, Mrs. Joe Key, Mrs. DeWitt Jones, Mrs. J. C. Baker, Mrs. Ernest Terry, Mrs. Clyde Tyler, Mrs. John Hall, Mrs. Eugene Hearne, Mrs. L. R. Sears, Mrs. Dovie Cornett, Mrs. Louie Butler, Mrs. Finley Sneed, Mrs. A. R. Irvin, Miss Effie Smart and Mrs. H. C. Bryan.

The Guild then formed a friendship circle and repeated the Guild Benediction in unison.

The first part of October we started the Bible Study "Christian Perfection", being taught by our pastor, Rev. L. R. Tatum. We are enjoying an average attendance of thirteen.

We have added two new members to our Guild since the Membership supper—Mrs. H. C. Bryan and Mrs. R. K. Tankersley. They are very active and have meant much to our Guild.

From Minden we learn that our Conference Secretary, Miss Arline Tyler met with the two Guild Units and the Woman's Society of Christian Service in a joint meeting. While in the area she visited with Miss Sue Batton in Dubberly, where Sue has been recuperating from surgery at the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert Davis. Sue will be back at her apartment in Minden when this report reaches you.

Ruston District is slated to have its District Meeting in Homer on December 8th. Miss Elizabeth Langford, Guild Times editor, has been invited to meet with them.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Jerry Beck, District Secretary

Members of the Shreveport District Committee met for their second quarterly meeting on November 17th, with the Summer Grove Guild unit as official hosts. The two remaining quarterly committee meetings were set for February 16 at Broadmoor and May 2, at Caney Lake, during the annual district Guild weekend. It is the custom in this district for the host churches to be responsible for all local arrangements for these committee meetings.

Plans are under way for the annual Guild dinner to be held on January 17th at Noel Memorial Church in Shreveport. Individual unit responsibilities for this Guild Month celebration are as follows: Plain Dealing—Name Tags; Mansfield—Reservations and Invitations; Lakeview—Program Booklets; Broadmoor—Table Decorations; First Church—Program; Mangum, both units—Photos and publicity; Noel—Official Host.

The District Committee has endorsed the conference goal of having every Guild unit represented at the Annual Spring Meeting in Lafayette. All units are being urged to pay the expenses of at least one delegate to that meeting, in hopes that this will promote an increase in attendance.

From the Spring Meeting in March, the district will bring back as much inspiration and information as possible, for presentation at the district Weekend at Caney Lake near Minden. Last year's 2-day retreat was truly a success and it is hoped that this next one will be an even more meaningful experience. If our goal of 100% representation is met at Spring Conference and Guild Weekend, then another Guild year will have terminated with success.

Assignments for the May Weekend at Caney Lake are as follows: Broadmoor—Official Host; Mansfield—Reservations; Morning—Literature; Wynn—Crafts; Coushatta—Music; First Church (Shreveport)—Mission Hour; Plain Dealing—Programs; Haughton—Saturday evening Vespers; Lakeview—Sunday Morning Watch and Communion; Noel—Quiet Breakfast; Many—Table Decorations; Mangum, Alma Levins Unit—Sunday Morning Worship Hour; Mangum, Unit 1—Coaching Clinics; Logansport—Souvenirs for Missions; Zwolle—Offerings. Conference Secretary Arline Tyler—Saturday Night Conference Program and Sybil Kelly—Publicity.

There are many reasons for the success of the work in this district, not the least of which can be attributed to the district cultivation fund, which finances all its activities and undertakings. This fund is based on a 35c per member contribution throughout the district, and all Guilders are to be commended for their participation in this. At no time has the district been without money in this area.

Still another giant factor in the success of our work has been our very capable group of district officers. It was with much regret that we accepted the resignation of Miss Hazel Cooper, district chairman of Supply work. Hazel will long be remembered for the many fine contributions she made to Guild work. She has moved on from the Business Girls' Inn in Shreveport to another job with the Board of Missions. Before leaving she assured us that she would keep in touch with us through her subscriptions to Guild Times.

Mrs. Gertrude Taylor of Mangum, Unit 1, has agreed to complete the remainder of Hazel's term as district chairman of Supply Work.

The District Nominating Committee has quite a task ahead in that it faces upcoming elections of all district officers. To prevent any future recurrence of this problem the committee hopes to fill at least half the offices with staggering terms. Chairman of the Nominating Committee is Miss Sybil Kelly of Mangum, Unit 1.

Because all of the district officers will be newly elected in the spring, the present group hopes to have a handbook of duties compiled for them by June, 1964. This book will contain a survey of each district office, what it includes now, and what it can include in the future. In this manner the new officers will be better equipped to carry out their responsibilities, and also will see the correlation of their work over the entire district.

It is with new enthusiasm that the district has taken over the promotion of subscriptions to the Guild Times. How unfortunate we are that such an exceptional publication "is not more widely read". If each Guilder throughout the conference would take as her personal responsibility the promotion of this fine paper, then surely the subscriptions would increase and the entire conference would profit.

## WHAT ABOUT GUILD TIMES?

Your editor is not going to give you a total on the number of subscriptions received for 63-64 GUILD TIMES, because the news is disappointing. Possibly by the time we see you at the Spring Meeting in Lafayette we can increase the number of subscriptions already in. The most discouraging news is that some Guilds in the conference do not have any subscriptions at all, therefore they are not getting the conference news. Guilds that do not inform themselves beyond the local level miss much that is wonderful in Guild work. To know district work, conference work and even to feel a part of the great program in jurisdictional and national procedure is to know the greatness of this organization that you and I are a part of. GUILD TIMES tries to acquaint each Guild with some of these facts. YOUR GUILD MEMBERS need Guild Times. Remember—the subscription is only \$1.00 per year for the four issues. The September issue was the first one for the 63-64 year—which, by-the-way, is your 11th Guild Times Anniversary.

Your editor wishes for each and everyone of you a wonderfully happy New Year. As you observe GUILD MONTH in January . . . as you make your plans to attend the SPRING MEETING in March . . . as you prepare to observe the 25th Anniversary of the Wesleyan Service Guild—in all you do and undertake in the name of the Wesleyan Service Guild, may you feel the guiding hand of the Master Craftsman who gave you this design for serving in His name. God bless you, everyone.

Your editor—  
Elizabeth Langford

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## "OUR THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING WAS WONDERFUL" LAFAYETTE – THE PERFECT HOST



Newly elected Conference Officers. Left to right: Miss Grace Lawson, Welsh Chairman of Literature; Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Opelousas, Chairman of Supply; Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Lafayette, W. S. C. S. Committee Member; Mrs. Emma Mainous, Baton Rouge, Chairman of Missionary Education.

"GOD'S WORK IN OUR TIME" was the theme of the 13th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds in session in Lafayette, March 14-15. Headquarters were at the Evangeline Hotel where registration began on Saturday morning. The First Methodist Church, Reverend R. R. Branton, Pastor, hosted the conference, with Guilds of the Lafayette District sharing in providing every detail to make the weekend one of success and inspiration to those who attended. The Guild meeting followed the very successful 24th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service which had convened in the beautiful City Auditorium during the week.

Miss Hermine Tate, General Chairman, Mrs. Bessie Fairley, District Secretary, and their many committees are to be congratulated for the expert way in which they entertained the Louisiana Guilders. Though Hermine was hospitalized following an accident prior to the Spring Meeting, she saw that nothing was lacking and continued her leadership through the capable Mrs. Joyce Prejean of the Lafayette Guild. The Conference expressed regrets, in learning the cause of her absence.

On Saturday morning the Conference Guild Committee met in executive session. Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, very efficiently directed the work of the Committee. Miss Laura Lynch, Lake Charles District Secretary, was absent because of the serious illness of her mother; Miss Sue Batton, Ruston District Secretary, was unavoidably absent for the first time in the 13 years' of meetings. The committee also noted the absence of Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.; Mrs. George Thomas and Mrs. Lee Tidwell, members on the Committee from the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Following the business session, luncheon was served the Guild Committee. Attractive "Bathroom Caddies" were presented each member by Misses Marilyn and Elizabeth Ann Carter of the New Iberia Guild.

The Registration Committee provided each delegate and guest with very attractive name tags and a packet containing reports, program, map, etc. The "Corsages for Missions" sold at the registration desk, brought in \$103.00 for Missions.

The Registration Chairman, Miss Marilyn Carter, reported 229 registered by districts as follows: Alexandria—19; Baton Rouge—27; Lafayette—52; Lake Charles—36; Monroe—36; New Orleans—34; Ruston—3; Shreveport—22; W.S.C.S.—8.

At the Saturday afternoon business session, Miss Tyler presented Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life,

and Program Chairman of the Spring Meeting. Mildred certainly displayed ability and efficiency as she served as program chairman at both Camp Brewer and the Spring Meeting.

The Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules presented the following additions to the Bylaws:

Add a new Section 3 to Article V to read: "There shall be an Administrative Committee, composed of the Conference Secretary, who shall be chairman, the Recording Secretary, and three other members of the Conference Guild Committee, who shall be appointed by the Conference Secretary. The Administrative Committee shall transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the Conference Guild Committee."

Add a new Section 6 to Article V of the Bylaws, to read: "There shall be within the Conference Guild Committee a Budget Committee. The committee shall be composed of the Conference President, the Conference Treasurer, the Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and two other Guild members appointed biennially by the Conference Secretary."

The existing Article V, Section 3, shall become Article V, Section 4; The existing Article V, Section 4, shall become Article V, Section 5.

These changes were accepted by the 82 voting delegates and the following persons were named to the two committees: Budget: Miss Elizabeth Langford and Miss Grace Lawson; Administrative: Miss Mildred Evans and Mrs. Emma Mainous.

The new officers elected to the Guild Committee were: Mrs. Emma Mainous, Baton Rouge, Chairman of Missionary Education; Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Opelousas, Chairman of Supply; from the W.S.C.S., Mrs. McCammon, Lafayette. A new officer was elected: Miss Grace Lawson (Welsh), Chairman of Literature. The two retiring chairmen, were recognized by the conference for their four years of splendid service on the Guild Committee and their contribution to the Louisiana Guilds. Mrs. T. D. (Ruth) Guthrie, Sr., (Bastrop) retiring Supply Chairman, was presented an Honorary Life Membership Pin and Certificate of Recognition by Mrs. Minza Rabun; Mrs. Austin (Agnes) Miller (Monroe) retiring Missionary Education Chairman was presented an Honorary Life Membership Pin and Certificate of Recognition by Miss Elizabeth Langford. Miss Arline Tyler recognized Mrs. Alice Orr of New Orleans, who has so enthusiastically represented the Woman's Society of Christian Service as Secretary of Literature. She has done a tremendous job with the Guilds as well. Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., also retiring, could not be present.

Mrs. Ruth Guthrie had charge of the presentation of Reports by the Conference Chairmen of Lines of Work. She had artistically prepared a huge WHEEL, with the spokes representing the Lines of Work. Each chairman related her work to the operation of the wheel.

As always, the Pledge Service was one of the high moments of the conference. Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference Treasurer, Miss Arline Tyler and the eight District Secretaries participated in pledging the Louisiana Conference Guilds to a total of \$21,979, as follows:

Miss Marie Pace, Alexandria District .....	\$1,821.00
Miss Sara Wadsworth, Baton Rouge District .....	\$3,644.00
Mrs. Bessie Fairley, Lafayette District .....	\$1,814.00
Miss Laura Lynch*, Lake Charles District .....	\$3,019.00
Mrs. Janie Phillips, Monroe District .....	\$3,122.00
Miss Mildred Evans, New Orleans District .....	\$3,046.00
Miss Sue Batton*, Ruston District .....	\$2,467.00
Miss Jerri Beck, Shreveport District .....	\$3,046.00
	<u>\$21,979.00</u>

\*Miss Grace Lawson represented Lake Charles District  
Mrs. Zella Cotton representing Ruston District  
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# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Dear Co-Workers:

As I write this, there are many hands, minds, and hearts in full action to make our THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING the best yet. To each of these, we give our special thanks. I hope each of you have shared in this experience because you attended or through the representative of your Guild.

Local officers were to be elected in February and two copies of the officer list on the form found in the secretary of promotion report book sent to your district secretary at once. If this has not been done, will you please do so at once?

**DISTRICT SECRETARIES:** As soon as district officers are elected send the list along with one copy of local officers from each unit to me not later than May 1st—sooner if possible. Thank you!

**REPORTS!** Be prompt local secretary of promotion and channel reports properly. District secretary, may I have your report not later than May 10th, please?

**THE METHODIST WOMAN**—January issue is a must. Study carefully the plans for the twenty-fifth anniversary and the proposed structure of the Board of Missions—the Woman's Division and the Guild.

Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah is June 19-21. Our quota is 16 to stay on the mountain, but as many as wish may attend by using downtown housing accommodations. The new cafeteria will be in operation and all who attend will be fed on the mountain if they so desire. The cost is \$5.00 (\$2 Registration; \$3 housing). I must have all registrations with money by May 20th. Your district secretary will have any further detailed information available on this. Make your plans to attend. The Jurisdiction School of Missions will follow the weekend which your conference secretary, chairmen of Missionary Education, Christian Social Relations, and Spiritual Life will attend.

Let us have as our special prayer projects in the days ahead our General Conference and especially our Louisiana delegates. As always, it is of great significance to our Church, and especially so in these days of stress and confusion.

Be sure to note calendar of coming events elsewhere in this issue.

Please permit me the privilege of a personal word of thanks to each of you who so graciously remembered me during my recent illness. Your prayers, cards, flowers and all good wishes helped to speed my recovery as well as the skill of the doctors and nurses. Thank you!

With appreciation of your fine work and cooperation and best wishes to you.

Arline Tyler

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

To each of you a sincere "thank you" and my everlasting gratitude for your help and cooperation with the program for our Spring Meeting in Lafayette. Being your program chairman for Guild Week End in July and for the Spring Meeting has, indeed, been a rewarding and enriching experience for me. I am deeply grateful for the confidence placed in me.

Our General Conference opens April 26 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Let us be much in prayer for our leaders, representatives and all of those persons who will be participating in the Conference and for the decisions and action that will come out of this General Conference.

During these two years we will be observing the 25th Anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, with special emphasis on the three major goals projected in the new "Purpose". As another year draws to a close for our Wesleyan Service Guild, and a new year dawns, may we truly grow in understanding of our Christian commitment and in spiritual power, increase in knowledge of the needs in the world, and share through witness and service in the outreach of the church.



DR. VELA CLEVELAND

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Agnes Miller, (Mrs. Austin), Conference Chairman

If you have not already earned your JR Credit in the study on The Changing City Challenges the Church, let me suggest that you do so.

This can be a particularly rich and varied study, quite different from most we have had. There are many most interesting "enrichments" available for this particular subject. Let me make a few suggestions.

1. Use as a choral reading "The City", prepared at Mt. Sequoyah.
2. Give the playlet about Joe and Skip, also from Mt. Sequoyah.
3. Use the poem, Contrasts, by Mildred Roots. (Write to me for any of these three. Mrs. Austin Miller, 311 Lakeside Drive, Monroe.)
4. Show the filmstrip, "The Challenge of Change," (Order this from Mrs. Wideman Watson, 720 West Main, Homer.)
5. Have a book review of the book, The Cross and the Switchblade, by David Wilkerson.
6. Have buzz groups to discuss "What is the City?" "What is the Church?" "Why Should the City Concern Us?"
7. Have stories from My Brother Is a Stranger.
8. List groups of people within your city.
9. Have a period of reminiscing by "old timers" as to what your city was like 40 or 50 years ago.
10. As a contrast have a city official come as a guest speaker to discuss plans for future development of your city.
11. Have some church official come as a guest speaker to discuss both immediate and long-range problems and plans of your own church.
12. Collect pictures of cities . . . buildings, people, parks, slums, traffic, work, play, etc.

I will be looking forward to seeing many of you in Lafayette. If there are any questions you might want to ask concerning JR Studies, or other phases of Missionary Education, I hope you will seek me out and we will have had a good time together talking over your particular interests.



## Your Conference Treasurer Says:

The Wesleyan Service Guild pledge to missions for 1963-1964 is \$17,930.00. Amount paid on pledge, first three quarters.

Alexandria	\$1,144.45
Baton Rouge	2,147.58
Lafayette	1,108.78
Lake Charles	1,848.63
Monroe	2,081.53
New Orleans	1,662.72
Ruston	1,465.60
Shreveport	1,753.81

\$13,213.10

In comparing the above figures with the same period last year some of the districts show an increase in pledge-giving while others show a decrease.

Are we taking advantage of every opportunity to promote pledge-giving?

We give on pledge to help build a Christian America through the establishment of educational institutions, hospitals, homes, stronger rural churches, settlements and other social service projects, and by providing Christian leadership for these endeavors—so that the spirit of Christ may be known throughout the world. I know you are aware of the work of the Woman's Division and its needs. I feel confident that each district will meet or exceed its pledge this year.

Cash for Supply Work Askings for 1963-1964.

### FOREIGN

Japan	\$487.00
Magazine and Picture Fund	220.00

### HOME

Sagar Brown Home and Godman School	\$1,451.00
Amount paid on cash for Supply Work Askings, first three Quarters.	

### FOREIGN

Japan	\$550.76
Magazine and Picture Fund	165.47
Undesignated	29.57
Margaret Wade Campbell	20.00

Total Foreign . . . . . \$765.00

### HOME

Sagar Brown Home and Godman School	\$1,293.12
Undesignated	4.40
Dulac Community Center	4.00
St. Mary's Pool Fund	10.00
Total Home	\$1,311.52

(Mrs. Carl) Hazel Gallaher, Treasurer



Miss Elizabeth Langford presents Honorary Life Membership Pin to Mrs. Austin Miller, retiring Chairman of Missionary Education.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur, Chairman

Some of the special issues facing the 88th Congress dealing with legislation related to domestic and international affairs that concerns the church are—Civil Rights—Health Care for the Aged—Migrant Labor—Federal Aid to Education—Food for Peace—Foreign Aid—Unemployment and Poverty and United Nations Issues.

Legislation on religion as an American heritage remains a live issue in 1964. No hearings or actions are scheduled on the prayer and Bible reading amendments, the Christian Amendment and others. However, increasing numbers of citizens groups are actively working for them.

We are called upon to give staunch and intelligent support of the U. N. We must accept the principle that the world cannot continue to live half ill-fed and half over-fed. The widening gap between the rich nations and the poor nations must be closed. We must find ways.

Methodist women are called with new urgency to keep informed about these issues, and to encourage, support and promote appropriate legislation and national policy through all available channels directed toward building a peaceful world.

A number of you will be going to the New York World's Fair between April 22—October 18, 1964, who will be interested in some concentrated experience at the U. N. There is a plan available for the unique opportunity to visit the U. N. through a series of "open" seminars starting the week following general conference (which ends May 8) through the close of the Fairs 1964 session.

Seminar activities include a guided tour of the U. N. Headquarters, lunch in the Delegates Dining Room or the Church Center for the U. N., briefings by U. N. personnel, etc.

Each seminar will be open to all comers, who should reserve their place by paying in advance a registration fee of \$1.00 per person per day. This fee is for services, literature packets, badges, and does not include the guided tour of the U. N. which is \$1.00 for adults and 50c for students, nor does it include lunch.

I will be glad to supply additional information if you wish to take advantage of this while you are in New York.

## IN MEMORIAM

"... And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." John 10:28.

Mrs. Mae Nunez—Abbeville Guild President.

Mrs. Nora Lawrence—A member of the Houghton Guild.

Mrs. Olivette Montgomery—A member of the Bossier City Guild.

### OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Bernice Herbert—Rayne Guild—in the loss of her father; Mrs. Fern Mier—Trinity Guild, Alexandria—in the loss of her mother; Mrs. Lucille Gunter—Trinity Guild, Alexandria—in the loss of her mother; Mrs. C. N. Dennis—Bunkie Guild—in the loss of her husband; Mrs. Geraldine Groves—Pollock Guild—in the loss of two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Connell and Mrs. Sadie Skoogs; Mrs. Leroy Chandler—Doris Branton Guild, Alexandria, in the loss of her husband.



Mrs. Minza Rabun presents Honorary Life Membership Pin to Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, retiring Chairman of Supply.



## OUR THIRTEENTH ANNUAL . . .

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The Wesley Foundation Center at the University of Southwestern Louisiana was the setting for the Fellowship Tea courtesied by the Rayne and Abbeville Guilds. A profusion of beautiful spring flowers and delicious refreshments caused the Guilders to linger longer in real fellowship together.

Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Chairman of Christian Social Relations, presided during the dinner hour. Our own Dr. Vela Cleveland, Medical Missionary to the Ellen Thoburn Hospital in Kolar, India, took us to her hospital work in India by way of slides and lecture. Vela went out to India in 1959 and, after a short stay with us, returned this month for another 5 years. She left us with the challenge "You are our missionaries here at home". We will continue to keep in touch with Vela through her column in Guild Times. Keep her on your prayer list. Miss Barbara Cain sang, beautifully, "How Great Thou Art".

Saturday Evening at First Methodist Church we heard Bishop Walton on "Why I Believe In Missions". It was good to have Bishop Walton with us. Following his message the ministers of the Lafayette District assisted in serving the Communion and Dedicated the Gift of \$213.70 to Missions.

Sunday morning the Quiet Breakfast was presided over by Miss Mildred Evans. Beautiful table arrangements emphasized the theme "Under Obligation". We are indeed fortunate to have so capable a president as Mrs. G. W. Dameron. Her message "I Am Obligated" but bespoke her own dedicated way of life. It was indeed a challenge to the Guilders.

During the business session, two delegates were elected to Mt. Sequoyah Jurisdiction Guild Weekend: Miss Maree White and Miss Janice Richardson. Alternates are Mrs. Beverly Biehler and Miss Mary Givens. The dates are June 19-21. Only 16 Louisiana Guilders may register to stay on the Mountain, but as many as wish to may register and stay elsewhere in the city. Early registration of \$2.00 is urged. Send your registration to YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY. The new Cafeteria will accommodate the crowd.

The Administrative Committee recommended that for this year only the Conference Guild Weekend be held at Centenary College during the month of August, preceding the School of Missions. Possible dates—July 31-August 1. This recommendation was adopted.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Member of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, was present throughout the meeting. She installed the newly elected officers in an impressive service. During the Missionary Hour, Mrs. Austin Miller presiding, Mrs. Laskey stirred us with her theme "Summons to a New Day". Through years of experience among the leaders of our Woman's Division Mrs. Laskey now occupies a place of priority with our Board of Missions. Louisiana is proud of her dedicated service and the wisdom with which she guides us in our day.

It was announced that Mrs. Bessie Fairley, Lafayette District Secretary, has been accepted on the staff of The Children's Home in Ruston and will serve in a new field of Remedial Education. As Bessie enters this phase of full-time Christian service, Louisiana Guilders wish her much happiness. Ruston District welcomes her and we are proud that her retirement from the teaching profession terminated in full-time Christian service.

Of course your editor has not covered every detail of the wonderful program, but these paragraphs tell you of a full and complete experience had by the women in attendance at the 13th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds. Now we return to our many Guilds to participate in "God's Work In Our Time".

### ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Marie Pace, District Secretary

The Alexandria District officers have made visits during the year to Trinity Guild, Winnfield, Pollock, Pineville, and Doris Branton. We have attempted to visit the Montgomery and Colfax Guilds together but due to the weather on nights scheduled we were unable to drive to Colfax.

The surveys of the women in the Church have been made by the WSCS and Guilds. As a result of the visitations by teams—one member of the WSCS and one member from the Guild—some of the Guilds have new members. The Primer has been studied in three guilds.

We have had representation at Guild Weekend and at the School of Missions in Shreveport. We did not know that we did have a member at the School of Missions until the District Officers



Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Mrs. G. W. Dameron and Mrs. George Thomas.

visited Pollock Guild just last week. One of their members has been the nurse or on the nursing staff at School of Missions at Fayetteville as well as at Shreveport, La.

All the Guilds have anticipated in the World Day of Prayer. Pineville Guild hosted the night service for the Alexandria-Pineville area. We had as guest speaker on the program Rev. and Mrs. Harold Brochert, missionaries to Japan and the East from the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Lois Eorchert had charge of the World Day of Prayer in Japan in 1963 and she had a letter from women over there planning their services for 1964.

Studies are being taken by all Guilds, however some are not taking them for credit.

We expect a large number from the district to be at Conference in Lafayette, La. At least 5 are planning on going to Mount Sequoyah in June 1964.

The Guilds have been using the program book, stressing worship settings, prayer and sharing with others in the Church and Community by visiting the shut-ins, taking part in community drives, painting rooms and helping young people.

We have had misfortunes in the district. The treasurer of Pollock Guild was in an accident in November and is still in—Mrs. Lottie Owens, Pollock, La. Mrs. Fern Mier of Trinity Church lost her mother on February 26, 1964—Mrs. L. A. Moore wife of Rev. L. A. Moore of Gering, Nebraska. Mrs. Leon Doyle, mother-in-law of the president of Trinity Guild—Mrs. Elva Doyle. Mother of Mrs. Lucille Gunter member of Trinity Guild Mrs. C. N. Dennis of Bunkie, La. Guild lost her husband Mr. C. N. Dennis. Mrs. Leroy Chandler lost her husband. She is a member of the Doris Branton Circle of Alexandria, La. Mrs. Geraldine Groves lost both of her sisters, Mrs. Hattie Connell and Mrs. Sadie Skoogs. Mrs. Groves is a member of Pollock Guild.

Our district is planning a conference in last of April or first of May to pass on the information all the members receive at Conference.

### BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Sara Wadsworth, District Secretary

The first three quarters' work in the Baton Rouge District Guilds has been gratifying. Since our last report to Guild Times the Guilds have met their Supply Askings and their pledges to Missions are about up to date.

Some Guilds have helped in their choirs, others have greeted church attenders at the door. Some have served for orphans, many have helped as Sunday School teachers. A large number of local Guilds have availed themselves of study courses, most of which were for JR Credit.

Guild Month was observed in all churches. Sometimes with suppers, some places by special sermons and the group sitting together. As a final celebration of Guild Month the Baton Rouge District had its annual Citizenship Brunch in Bogalusa. A large crowd attended including several pastors and their wives, coordinators and visitors. Mr. Bascom D. Talley, Jr., President of the





Lucille Potter at Punch Bowl—First Church Monroe, Unit No. 1, Christmas Party, serving Mrs. Naomi Gannaway and Mrs. Betty Jones.

Louisiana Bar Association, was the speaker. The Brunch was most enjoyable, informative and inspirational.

The World Day of Prayer was participated in by most units.

In April we will hold our Spring Meeting for Baton Rouge District at the First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, with both Guilds acting as hostesses.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. Bessie Fairley, District Secretary

All Guilds observed Guild month with Special programs. Some invited members of the W. S. C. S. as guests.

Our local chairman for the Spring Meeting in Lafayette, Miss Hermine Tate, had a meeting of all chairmen of committees February 2, 1964 in her home. All committees are working in a very fine way and we are hoping to be able to take care of all of your needs. If every Guild in the state can be represented at this meeting it will please us very much.

We are planning our District Spring Meeting to be held in New Iberia April 26, 1963 at 2 P. M. Our guest speaker will be Mrs. W. W. Paxton, a member of the Conference Spiritual Life Committee. Also at this time we will have election of officers with Miss Arline Tyler our Conference Secretary as the Installing Officer. All of you have a very special invitation to be with us. Won't you come?

As some of you know I am retiring from public school teaching in May, 1964 and plan to go into some type of church related work. I hope that you will pray for me and for those with whom I shall be working. It is possible that I shall be in Louisiana but do not know yet.

In moving out as District Secretary of Lafayette District I would like to state that this has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. The many friends that I have met throughout the District and the state will always be cherished in my memory. The opportunities that you have given me to serve you I deeply appreciate. I shall look forward in the years to come, to seeing and hearing great things about the Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guild.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Laura Lynch, District Secretary

When we realize that the end of the year is not far off, we begin to feel that things have not picked up as they should have. Nominating committees begin to think of new officers to lead them for the next year. The present officers begin to review their work in preparation for their annual reports. So, all in all, everyone is very busy.

The goal set for the Lake Charles District is all units reporting. Try to have your Guild among those making complete re-

ports, and on time. The Guilds of the district are counting on each local unit doing its part. Reporting is a "must" for those depending on us for information.

Guild membership in the Lake Charles District remains about the same as that of 1962-1963. Gains and losses have been about equal districtwise. Guilders, why not strive to interest more of the women of the church. Contact them, get them to a meeting, give them interesting, worthwhile programs which will encourage their attendance to other meetings, and eventually membership in the unit.

Members of the Welsh Wesleyan Service Guild were guests of the Woman's Society of Christian Service on Sunday evening, January 19th.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Guild had charge of the evening worship service which followed in the sanctuary launching the local observance of the 25th Anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Oakley Lee presided.

The opening meditation based on "The Faith that Compels Us" was given by Miss Leila DeWolf. Mrs. T. J. Fear, Sr. gave the history of the Woman's Society of Christian Service from the time of the Charter meeting in 1940 to the present time. Grace Lawson, Guild president, gave the highlights of the Welsh Guild from its organization on January 17, 1938, under the Missionary Societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church, through unification up to the present time. Four of the charter members of the 1938 group were present for the service twenty-six years later. Two of the four are still active in Guild work, and the other two are now members of the Woman's Society.

The service closed with a meditation—a challenge to go forward—given by Mrs. Frank Bryan, Chairman of Spiritual Life.

Special Memberships have been presented to Mrs. Paul Durbin, and to Mrs. Gerald L. Howe by the Susie Jones Unit of DeRidder.

The Julia Reid Unit, Lake Charles have made contributions to Larry Elieman for Land Rover a/c, and a personal love gifts to Miss Ella Hooper.

The Lake Arthur Methodist Church recognized the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Wesleyan Service Guild, and other women of the Church on January 19th, in recognition of Guild Month. The Guild Hymn was used as a special by the choir. A short history of the union of the ladies' group shortly after the Methodist Church was formed in 1939 by the unification of three Methodist denominations was read by the pastor. Sixteen charter members of the W. S. C. S. and Guild were present for the service.

The January programs of the Leesville Guild emphasized the importance of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild in the local church. "Recruitment" and "What It Means to Belong to the Woman's Society and Guild" were used as topics for study and discussion. High school age girls were present for the program on recruitment who gave their views and impressions about different church groups. They are eager to work, but hesitate to ask. They want to be asked. Let's give them an opportunity.

Leesville Guilders have completed one study for JR credit, have begun a second one, and are participating in the church-wide study under the direction of the minister, Rev. Kirby A. Vining.

The visitation Program launched during Guild Month is progressing satisfactorily. Two new members have been added to one unit and a number of others are showing some interest.

If I can be of assistance to any of you in the Lake Charles District, please feel free to call on me. If I don't know, I'll help you find out.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. M. W. (Janie) Phillips, District Secretary

Greetings to all of you!

Time does fly. Before we know it, our Guild year will be gone, and there is still much to be done.

I am sorry more of you could not enjoy the fine program and the fellowship with our Guild friends in Lafayette. We had a most rewarding Conference.

It is time to think about our Spring District Meeting to be held Sunday, April 12 in West Monroe. Registration will be held in the Social Hall of First Methodist Church from 9:30 to 10:30 in the morning. The group will attend church service in a body, hearing Reverend Earl Emmerich bring the message. Dinner will be served by the West Monroe Guilders in the Fellowship Hall. We are anticipating with much pleasure a full



day of fellowship with our Guild friends. The Executive Committee has planned a fine program around the theme "God's Work in Our Time—A Call to Methodist Women". Let every Guild in the Monroe District be well represented.

It is good to note that so many of you observed our 25th Anniversary during Guild Month in such a fine way. It was my happy privilege to attend several of the meetings. Among them was a joint meeting with the W.S.C.S. and Guild in the form of a beautiful Silver Tea in Tallulah. Monroe First Church had another fine joint program and meeting.

My congratulations to Bonita. They are doing a fine work. Their membership drive really paid off. Their enthusiasm is high. I'm looking forward to a most rewarding year with them.

Rumors are that the visitation program was successful in many Guilds. Be sure that your program is completed before April 12th.

Don't forget the attractive posters depicting your year's work which will be displayed at the District Meeting. I hope to see all of you in West Monroe on April 12th.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mrs. Milton C. (Louise) Baldridge, District Secretary

January 26th, in observance of Guild Month, a Book Review and Tea was held at First Methodist Church. Mrs. Clyde Frazier, wife of the Pastor of Lake Vista Methodist Church, reviewed the book "I Am Only One". It was a very delightful afternoon and well attended.

The New Orleans District cooperated with the United Church Women in an evening service in observance of the World Day of Prayer on February 14th at the Church House in downtown New Orleans. The attendance was very good, representing many denominations.

March 4th the New Orleans District will begin the Spiritual Life Study "Teaching Toward Christian Perfection". Rev. Q. C. Roberts, Associate Pastor of Munholland Memorial Church will present the four sessions which will be held at First Methodist Church. We are looking forward to this wonderful enriching study, and may we grow in knowledge and Christian understanding.

All Guilds in the District are working on membership, the 25th anniversary, and preparing for the Annual Spring Meeting in Lafayette, La.

CARROLLTON (Epworth) Ethel Redditt, Reporter:—A joint dinner meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild was held in January in observance of Guild Month; skits were presented as entertainment; the fellowship was wonderful and enjoyed by all. Dr. Vela Cleveland gave a most interesting talk. It was so nice having her with us again.

COVINGTON—Patty Byron, Reporter:—Mrs. Paty Byron is the proud mother of a baby boy born on January 24th. This is her fourth child. Congratulations Patty.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH—Marguerite Walls, Reporter:—On January 19th the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church began the 25th anniversary celebration with a dinner at 5:00 P. M. for members of the society, guild and their families. Guild members gave a meaningful presentation of the Guild emblem. The service continued in the sanctuary with the Pastor, Dr. Clyde S. Clark and Mrs. Sam Dunbar of the Woman's Society of Christian Service participating.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Sue Batton, District Secretary

The Martha Brown Wesleyan Service Guild and the W. S. C. S. of Arcadia First Methodist Church, Ruston District, were co-hostess of a tea on Sunday afternoon 12th of January, '64 in Fellowship Hall of the church.

This tea was in observance of the 25th anniversary of "The Martha Brown Wesleyan Service Guild". The honor Guest being Mrs. Martha Brown of Shreveport, La., wife of the former pastor, the Rev. Robert Brown, who organized the Arcadia Guild twenty-four years ago in January. In October of 1963, the GUILD wishing to show their love and esteem for her named the Guild "THE MARTHA BROWN GUILD". Mrs. Brown has had a wonderful influence on the lives of all the members who were privileged to know her. A wonderful Christian fellowship was enjoyed. All members of Arcadia First Church and Mount Moriah Churches as well as former members of the Guild were invited guests.

The Martha Brown Wesleyan Service Guild and the W. S. C. S. of Arcadia First Methodist Church observed WORLD DAY OF



## HOMER GUILD HOSTED THE DISTRICT MEETING

Left to right: Mrs. Hazel Whatley, promotion secretary, Homer Guild; Mrs. Jewel Tigner, Homer WSCS and president of Homer WSCS at the time the Homer Guild was organized; Mrs. Auro Peeples, president, Homer Guild.

PRAYER, 14th of February, '64, with a noon day luncheon. A very spiritual program was led by Mrs. Stewart Deas, chairman of Guild Spiritual Life. An offering for designated missions was taken.

THE MARTHA BROWN WSG has just completed the second study of the year for jurisdiction credit "Christian Issues in Southern Asia", which was so ably taught by the very competent historian, Mr. E. R. Hester, retired principal of Arcadia High School.

Unit No. 1 of the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church, Minden, La., reports the completion of two studies for jurisdiction credit:

"An Introduction to Three Spiritual Classics", and "The Christian Mission in Southern Asia".

They also report a very successful joint dinner with the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Observed "World Day of Prayer" and sponsored a Prayer Vigil in the Church before the Membership Campaign for new members.

Unit No. 2 of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church participated in the Church Wide Study, also the joint dinner with the W. S. C. S. We have many fine reports coming in through-out the district.

The Primer of the work of the Division, W. S. C. S., and Guild, written by Mrs. George W. Dameron, was lifted at the district meeting which was held in Homer, December 16th. This was a very fine meeting with able leaders and good attendance.

The Homer Guild reports three studies for jurisdiction credit.

The Virginia Laskey Guild of Ruston reports many activities. Co-operating with the W. S. C. S. in their visitation program for new members, also a joint dinner with the W. S. C. S., and Trinity Guild.

The Trinity Church Unit No. 1, reports study courses, joint dinners with other Guild and W. S. C. S., and many other fine activities. In fact, all of the Guilds in Ruston district doing splendid work, but due to limited space, cannot list them all at this time.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Jerry Beck, District Secretary

The Shreveport District Committee held its third quarterly meeting on February 16, 1964, at Broadmoor Church. At that time, plans were finalized for the upcoming District Guild Week-end, to be held at Camp Caney on May 2-3, 1964. Individual responsibilities for the week-end are as follows:

Broadmoor: Official Host.	Logansport: Souvenirs for Missions
Mansfield: Reservations	Plean Dealing: Programs
Morningside: Literature	Haughton: Saturday Vespers
Wynn: Crafts	Noel: Quiet Breakfast
Coushatta: Music	Mangum: Unit I: Coaching Clinics
First Church: Mission Hour	Many: Table Decorations
Lakeview: Sunday Morning Watch and Communion	
Mangum: Alma Levins: Sunday Morning Service	

Sybil Kelly will be in charge of publicity again. Included among the speakers from the W. S. C. S. will be Mrs. George



Sexton, Mrs. Clarence Day, Mrs. Nell Patterson, Mrs. Wiley Gardner and Mrs. George Dameron, Conference W. S. C. S. president. A record-breaking attendance is expected, as interest in district activities has reached an all-time high.

The District Guild Dinner, planned for January 17 at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, had to be cancelled the day before because of unexpected bad weather, but at the time of cancellation, 160 reservations were on hand. Everyone on the planning committees is to be commended for the outstanding work that had been done toward promoting this annual affair. Circumstances prevented the dinner's being re-scheduled.

The district nominating committee, whose chairman is Sybil Kelly, has an unprecedented task ahead of it, as all district offices must be refilled. The past reasons for this unusual situation are not known. Outgoing officers this year were all elected in 1962. In order to prevent this in the future, incoming officers will be elected for staggering terms.

Jerry is compiling a district officers' handbook for the incoming group. In this, each office and its requirements will be explored in detail. It is hoped that the new group will be aided in their responsibilities by this personal survey of goals, activities and dates on which specific events are scheduled and pre-planned. The handbook will be presented to incoming district officers at the District Week-End in May, giving them a short time for study and preparations before they actually take over their new work.

No amount of praise is adequate in attempting to convey my appreciation to all the persons who have helped make possible a continuation of our Guild work for the past two years. I came into this office without experience, as did several others of the district officers. We found many persons ready to help us, and everyone willing to forgive our errors. I can say without reservation, however, that those persons with whom I have had the pleasure of working have been successful in ways that will long be remembered. Their many devoted hours have resulted in a district consciousness of purpose, goals and responsibilities. Would that all district secretaries had such capable, dedicated women with whom to work.

But our work could not have been possible had the Guilders themselves not been responsive and always willing to do more. Certainly they deserve the credit for attempting to incorporate our suggestions into their work—for reporting their activities—for increasing their contributions—for lifting themselves to higher levels of achievement. I have met almost every Guild member in this district, and I have seen the units in action. What a fine, inspirational group they are—to the point that serving them is an honor rather than a duty.

And the W. S. C. S. has been faithfully represented at each of our meetings. Here we feel that oneness that can be brought about only by close, frequent contacts, suggestions and help. All this and more has been ours from this wonderful W. S. C. S., beginning with Mrs. Dameron, continuing through Mrs. Snelling, and ending with the W. S. C. S. on a local level.

I cannot ever miss an opportunity to tell you all of Elizabeth Lowrey's phenomenal dedication to this work. I know of no one else who spends as much time or gives as much of herself as Elizabeth does. Women like her will keep our work going—women who do the work and escape the credit.

Serving you has been a privilege. Thank you for the opportunity.

## SUPPLY WORK

Ruth Guthrie (Mrs. T. D.), Conference Chairman

My words to you at this time shall be few so that this space maybe used to cover 'News' of our Conference meeting. As for instructions, I refer you to the last two issues of the Guild Times; especially the September issue. All delegates who attended Conference received a detailed copy of my annual report. After checking this report, if you have any doubts or questions please feel free to discuss it with me.

REMEMBER one of our Goals is for EVERY Guild to do some Supply Work. "Cash Askings" are your responsibility. PLEASE send cash for Supply Work DESIGNATED towards the amount of cash your Guild was asked to give. Some Guilds are giving generously of cash but failing to designate it. When this is done your Guild shows up short in meeting your responsibility. It is my sincere hope that you will give some designated cash this fourth and last quarter. May your prayers also be designated toward the Christian workers and the work of this years askings.

New "Cash Askings" for 1964-1965 will be published in the next issue of Guild Times. Let us begin plans now for the promotion of Supply Work during the new year.

## REPORT FROM THE COURTESIES COMMITTEE

To the Lafayette District, the First Methodist Church of Lafayette, the District Superintendent—the Reverend Jerome Cain, and to the Reverend R. R. Branton, the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds extend their deepest appreciation for a most successful and uplifting Spring Meeting.

To Miss Bessie Fairley, Lafayette District Secretary, for selecting such able personnel to assist her and especially to Miss Hermine Tate and Mrs. Joyce Prejean and their committees go our sincere thanks for their untiring efforts in planning each minute detail to such perfection.

To Miss Mildred Evans, Program Chairman, and her committee we are deeply grateful for their careful planning and executing such an informative and inspirational program.

To all who appeared on the program, especially to our own Bishop Walton, to Dr. Vela Cleveland, Mrs. George W. Dameron and Mrs. Glenn Laskey we are indebted for their challenging messages.

We are grateful to Miss Dorothy Dunbar and her committee for their thorough and extensive publicizing of the Spring Meeting, and to Miss Marilynn Carter for so efficiently handling the advance registrations.

To those who provided such beautiful music we extend our appreciation.

To all who provided favors, and especially to the Telephone Company for the maps of the city, we extend our thanks.

To our consecrated Conference Secretary, Miss Arline Tyler for her capable leadership and guidance, and to our chairmen of Lines of Work we are indebted.

Last, but not least, we appreciate the many lovely floral arrangements used in such profusion throughout the meeting places.

Respectfully,  
Janie Phillips  
Bee Sandifer  
Bessie Fairley

## VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

It has been a very good furlough during these few months, just too short a period. But, as I have said before, no matter how short my time is cut, it has been worth it to me to have been able to be home during my Dad's last weeks. During the past ten weeks I have moved so fast and have covered so much territory I'll have to take time after I return to India to know, or even try to know, what all has happened.

In addition to meeting with many church groups and Woman's Societies, civic and service groups, I have been so privileged to attend the Annual meetings of the Woman's Society of both the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions, all the District Annual meetings of the Woman's Society in the Florida Conference and the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild of the Louisiana Conference. It was wonderful to get to know so many in the Florida Conference and to renew and to make new friendships in the Louisiana Conference.

I just wish to express my thanks to everyone who has helped to make these opportunities open to me during these weeks. As I return to India March 23rd for a second five-year term, may I leave these words with you: It is the kind of witness we make as Christians which is of importance. As we, your missionaries, go for you to witness in other lands, you at home are our missionaries here at home. Your witness here at home has a definite effect on the effectiveness of our witness for you elsewhere—to tie our hands in impotence and frustration, or free our hands to full and free demonstration of God's love and concern for His children everywhere.

Blessings on thee,

Vela



## MISS HELEN MANDLEBAUM, DEACONESS

Louisiana Conference is proud to be the home state of Miss Helen Mandlebaum, Deaconess, who, at the present time is on a special assignment with the National Federation of Settlements. Her headquarters are in Louisville, Kentucky but her assignment takes her into the ten southern states where Neighborhood Centers and Settlement Houses are located.

Your editor well remembers Helen and the interest she and her parents took in the work at St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans when Helen was an Intermediate in Epworth League work. It is good to know that she has given her life in Full-time Christian work as a Deaconess with our General Board of Missions. In her Christmas letter she quoted a Christmas Prayer that might also be a PRAYER for each of us this Easter season:

Won't you use this prayer:

"Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding . . . that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified . . . that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them . . . that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses . . . that the true spirit of this Season—its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith—may live among us . . . that the blessings of peace be ours—the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence. Amen."

As we petition the Heavenly Father to grant us these things, we can help attain them for ourselves if we remember the SIMPLE PRAYER by St. Francis of Assissi:

### A SIMPLE PRAYER

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred . . . let me sow love,  
Where there is injury . . . pardon  
Where there is doubt . . . faith  
Where there is despair . . . hope  
Where there is darkness . . . light,  
Where there is sadness . . . joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled . . . as to console,  
To be understood . . . as to understand,  
To be loved . . . as to love.

### FOR

It is in giving . . . that we receive,  
It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned,  
It is in dying . . . that we are born to eternal life.

## LOOKING AHEAD: DATES TO REMEMBER

1. South Central Jurisdiction Guild Weekend—  
Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas . . . . . June 19-21  
—Followed by School of Missions . . . . . June 22-27
2. Louisiana Conference Guild Weekend—  
Centenary College—Shreveport, La. . . . . July 30-Aug. 1, 2  
—Followed by Conference School of Missions

## SECRETARIES WILL INFORM YOU

District Secretaries will inform local Guilds of the plan to meet at Centenary College this summer, as facilities are inadequate at Camp Brewer. Your Conference Secretary reports that the cost will be \$8.00 or \$9.00, depending on the number of nights you are there:

Registration . . . . .	\$2.00
Meals—approximately . . . . .	5.00
Room in James or Hardin . . . . .	
Dormitory (per night) . . . . .	\$1.00

## TWO DEACONESSSES COMMISSIONED NOW IN LOUISIANA

The Louisiana Methodist—February 6th—carried pictures of the two deaconesses serving at Sager Brown School at Baldwin, Louisiana. Miss Barbara Boultinghouse and Miss Shirley Manning were given their Commissions at Buck Hill Falls in January. Sager Brown School is our SUPPLY recipient in the Home Field. It is good to know that we share in assisting these two fine young women as they work with the students at Sager Brown. If your Guild is privileged to visit Sager Brown you will meet Miss Manning and Miss Boultinghouse.

We suggest that you read in your February Methodist Woman (p. 13), "I COMMISSION YOU A DEACONESS" and in the March issue (p. 26) "WOMEN NEEDED IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH."

As a part of our 25th Anniversary observance each conference is asked to secure four full-time Christian workers. Can Louisiana Conference meet this goal?

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### To Wesleyan Service Guilds of Louisiana

#### WE RECOMMEND:

1. That we seek for accuracy in reporting and all reports be on time!
2. That we study the National Issues that confront us, then express ourselves on these. That we continue to support and promote those projects that are vital to the welfare of the peoples of the world and to peace among these peoples.
3. That we continue our use and study of the missionary literature, but enrich our study with missionary letters and by inviting furloughed and retired missionaries to participate in our studies. Discover, cultivate, and enlist new recruits for service as missionary or deaconess and the professionally qualified woman to full time service.
4. That we seek to stress membership cultivation by increased activity of a vital, working, concerned, interested membership committee; and that every member share in the responsibility.
5. That promotion of meaningful study and prayer groups be continued; and that creative use be made of resource material with emphasis on Prayer Calendar; and active participation in all committees pertaining to spiritual life, by the Chairman of Spiritual Life.
6. That our askings for Supply Work continue to be met but personalized through visits to projects whenever possible; that all money be carefully designated as to place and project.
7. That we continue to support the projects of the Woman's Division through our gifts, increasing them as our understanding and love increases.
8. That there be a continuing awareness of the purposes of the Guild so that it examines everything it does in reference to its function.

(Presented to the Conference Spring Meeting)

Mrs. Gallaher, Conference Treasurer, suggests that each Guild use the little "GIFT BANKS" as a way to save additional monies to meet the increase in our 1964-65 Pledge to Missions. The little banks can be ordered (50 for \$1.00) from our SERVICE CENTER (formerly Literature Headquarters) in Cincinnati. Put your "thank you" gifts in the little bank and supplement your Guild Pledge.

### GUILD TIMES

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## 18th ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND AT CENTENARY COLLEGE SHREVEPORT - JULY 31 - AUGUST 1 & 2, 1964

Our Program Chairman, Bee Sandefur, and her committee have spent much time in preparing an outstanding program for the Weekend. Our meeting at Centenary College has one distinct advantage, in that we will precede the Conference School of Missions and our Conference Officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and our Guild, together with the invited personnel can attend both programs.

MISS MERRIAM BRATTAIN from the General Division will be our speaker on Sunday morning. Miss Brattain succeeded our own Elizabeth Stinson in the office of Missionary Education Secretary on our General Board.

The CLINICS at 9:30 Saturday morning will be (A) Missionary Education (B) Spiritual Life (C) Christian Social Relations (D) Supply and Treasurers (E) Recording Secretaries (F) Presidents District Secretaries (G) Vice Presidents (H) Promotion Secretaries (I) Literature.

The WORKSHOPS will present:

1. Growth in understanding our commitment and growth in spiritual power.
2. Increase in knowledge of the needs of the world.
3. Sharing through witness and service in the outreach of the church.

THE 1964th GENERAL CONFERENCE will be the subject of our Saturday evening speaker.

A new place . . . Centenary College. Many of you will get to know your own Centenary College for the first time. You will be housed in JAMES and HARDIN dormitories (air-conditioned); General assemblies and group meetings will be held in the New MUSIC BUILDING. The OUT DOOR THEATRE will be used for Vespers and Morning Watch.

REGISTRATION FEE	\$2.00
HOUSING (\$1 per night)	2.00
MEALS (5—approximately)	5.00
	\$9.00

REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD IN THE JAMES DORMITORY (Bring your sheets, light blanket, pillow, towels and other linen.) Kitchenettes are conveniently located in each dormitory where you may prepare EARLY MORNING COFFEE, but groups must furnish your own coffee and coffee makers.

MEALS will be served in the popular COLLEGE CAFETERIA. They request that meal tickets be bought. Those not staying on the campus may buy meal tickets and eat with the Guilders. No meal will be served Friday evening.

Should your editor lift up a single aim of our 18th Guild Weekend it would be: EVERY GUILD in the conference represented by at least ONE Guild. Remember, voting delegates are elected—one for every 20 members or major fraction thereof. But as many Guilders may attend as want to come. Your District Secretary will assist you in contacting other Guilds in the district to arrange car pools. Some districts come by chartered bus. Come and meet your officers, and enjoy the rich experience of making Guild friendships from throughout Louisiana. It is a wonderful experience for all who come.

Your Conference Secretary, Miss Arline Tyler will preside at the business sessions. She will be prepared to assist in introducing to you the new program materials for the new year. There have been many changes in reporting, in lines of work, etc., and all of this you will want to know.

SO . . . SHALL WE SEE YOU AT CENTENARY GUILD WEEKEND—JULY 31 — AUGUST 1 and 2.



PROGRAM  
CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Alvin Sandefur  
Conference Chairman  
of Christian Social Relations

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE JULY 31 - AUGUST 1 & 2, 1964 CENTENARY COLLEGE, SHREVEPORT, LA.

Theme: "That All May Have the Spirit of His Love"

The four selected STUDIES for 1964-65 will be taught by outstanding instructors in each field of study. The BIBLE STUDY on GENESIS will be presented to the entire school in an intensive study.

REGISTRATION AND INSURANCE	\$4.00
Room, per day	\$1.00
Meals—Centenary Cafeteria	\$8.50

An outline of the program and a registration card has been sent to every president. Read the instructions carefully and send in your registration. Your STUDIES can be better presented in your local Guild if you receive the inspiration and training from one of these classes at the conference school. And the fellowship is wonderful!



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Dear Co-Workers:

A new year! A new page upon which to write our record! What a wonderful opportunity! Many of you are assuming leadership and a new responsibility in the Wesleyan Service Guild on local, district, and conference level. May there come to each of you a new vision: "high and uplifted"; a Fire that will warm your hearts and set your soul ablaze to witness for Christ; and a sense of Urgency in the work. Thus equipped, let us make this a year of STUDY that we may know the Will of God; and ACTION that we may do His will. What a record that will be!

Three district secretaries are retiring: Baton Rouge: Sarah Wadsworth; Lafayette: Bessie Fairley; and Shreveport: Jerry Beck. It is with deep appreciation of their work and best wishes in continued service through the Guild that we recognize these.

A special welcome goes to the three new district secretaries: Gail Howard of Baton Rouge; Lillian Soileau of Lafayette; and Sibyl Kelly of Shreveport. May strength, wisdom, courage, and faith be yours for this important work. The strength of the conference depends upon the strength of each district. Won't each of you work to develop your district to its full potential?

It has been my privilege to participate in three district meetings this spring. It was good to see the districts in action. Every effort is appreciated.

Summer brings opportunities for training, study, and spiritual enrichment for all Guilders. I hope many, many of you will take advantage of these. Twenty Guilders have registered for Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, June 19-21. Your conference secretary and chairmen of Literature and Christian Social Relations will remain for the Jurisdiction School of Missions and Christian Service. Our own conference Guild Weekend will be held at Centenary College, Shreveport, July 31-August 2. Note the new place and time. A change is good for any of us—so be sure to attend. Read carefully the plans and program as given in this issue of GUILD TIMES. Following Guild Weekend is the School of Missions at Centenary. I hope many of you plan to remain through it.

August and/or September will bring district coaching conference, which I hope local officers will attend and then carry to the local. October brings Miss Maryruth Nickels, a Field Worker of the Women's Division, to our conference for a joint project of promotion with the Woman's Society. This we need and are looking forward to. Careful and detailed planning for this will be done in the joint clinic for local presidents and district secretaries at our Guild Weekend. Miss Nickels will meet with the conference committee at its mid-year meeting for evaluation and follow-up plans and suggestions.

Then Spring brings our Annual Spring meeting at Broadmoor Church in Shreveport on March 13 and 14, with district meetings to follow in April. This is a forward look at your Guild 1964-65 calendar. Doesn't it promise to be a good one, if we each do our part? Let's do it.

Information on report will come to you following jurisdiction Guild Weekend with detailed instructions given in clinics at our conference Guild Weekend. Will you accept three additional and more personalized goals for this year as a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild. These are: (1) every member participating in "Thank Offering Bank" plan for increased giving to missions; (2) subscribing to Guild Times and The Methodist Woman; and (3) participate in Guild Work beyond the local by attending district and conference meetings. Thank you.

Lovingly,  
Arline

## IN APPRECIATION

My heart is filled with gratitude for your kindness and thoughtfulness during my recent bereavement. Your words of sympathy and encouragement as expressed by cards, notes and In Remembrance Gifts are deeply appreciated. My family joins me in saying thank you and God bless each of you.

Love,  
Laura Lynch



## OUR NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION EMMA MAINOUS

Mrs. C. G. Mainous (Emma) is an accountant with the Department of Public Welfare, State Office, where she has worked for the past 16 years. She is supervisor of the Medical Unit of the Bureau of Finance.

Emma has been a Gilder for a good many years and has served as District Chairman of Christian Social Relations for one year, District Secretary for four years and is now completing a two year term as District Missionary Education Chairman. She has held many offices on the local level and says that the greatest thrill of her life was when a Guild Unit was named for her. This is the Emma Mainous Unit at First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

Emma is married to Clayton G. Mainous, Associate Professor at L.S.U. She has one daughter, Mrs. Calvert A. Dawson, 3 granddaughters and 3 step grandsons.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

With the beginning of another year in the life of our Wesleyan Service Guild we welcome those who are new Chairmen and hope that your term of service will be filled with success, joy, and spiritual enrichment.

The following recommendations have come to us from our Jurisdictional Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation for "Growth In Understanding and Spiritual Power," the first goal of the 25th Anniversary Observance of the organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild:

1. Observance of "A Time Apart" on all levels.
2. Plan retreats and schools of prayer; choosing leadership carefully.
3. Study well chosen materials in study and prayer groups.
4. Plan new kinds of programs in recognition of the changing needs and responsibilities of women.
5. Give leadership, fellowship and cooperation in every possible way in all emphases of the 25th Anniversary Observance.



## Your Conference Treasurer Says:

THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD PLEDGE TO MISSIONS FOR 1963—1964 IS \$17,930.00.

	Amount Pledged 1963—1964	Amount Paid on Pledge 1963—1964
ALEXANDRIA	1,952.00	1,659.99
BATON ROUGE	2,723.00	3,274.08
LAFAYETTE	1,079.00	1,701.19
LAKE CHARLES	2,158.00	2,656.83
MONROE	2,363.00	2,919.48
NEW ORLEANS	2,312.00	2,570.14
RUSTON	2,312.00	2,309.00
SHREVEPORT	3,031.00	2,890.08
	\$17,930.00	\$19,980.79

The above figures show that the Wesleyan Service Guild met their Pledge to Missions. However, some of the districts did not pay their Pledge in full while others did. The sad news is our Conference Woman's Society paid \$1,740.16 less on Pledge to Missions this year than we did last year. Let us take advantage of every opportunity to promote PLEDGE-GIVING, so next year when our reports are in we can say, we have had an increase.

We are suggesting to use a little "Gift Box" that we hope will implement our increase in pledge-giving. (Gift Boxes can be purchased from Service Center, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio, 50 for \$1.00.) This little "Gift Box" or our "Special Missions Bank" is something special and we want to use it in a special way by relating it to our personal lives. The following suggestions are ways by which we can relate our "Special Missions Bank" to our personal lives:

1. Through Our Daily Devotional Period. We have so much Christian literature to read and study—to express our thanks for this blessing, we would drop a penny in our bank.
2. Through Table Grace
3. Family Responsibilities
4. Bed Time
5. Arrival of Mail

Let us express our appreciation for these and other blessings by dropping a penny in our "Special Missions Bank". REMEMBER THE MONEY WE PLACE IN OUR SPECIAL BANK IS ABOVE THE INDIVIDUAL PLEDGE.

My World Bank will be available, if you have one or any other kind of container will be all right to use.

I hope that every local Guild Treasurer will make available to each member of her Guild one of the "SPECIAL MISSIONS BANK". If there are any questions about our treasurers' work please get in touch with your DISTRICT TREASURER, and if I can be of any help, let me know.

We hope you will find joy in the use of our "SPECIAL MISSIONS BANK" as your pennies continue to build God's Kingdom. —Hazel Gallaher

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. C. G. Mainous (Emma) Conference Chairman

I am looking forward to serving as Conference Missionary Education Chairman and having the opportunity to work in this phase of the Guild program.

The studies were interesting this past year, our record through April, 1964, bears this out.

Alexandria District	.....7	Monroe District	.....10
Baton Rouge District	.....17	New Orleans District	.....4
Lafayette District	.....4	Ruston District	.....7
Lake Charles District	.....8	Shreveport District	.....9

36

30

TOTAL

66

The studies for the incoming year look very interesting and I am sure you will want to include as many as possible in your program for the new year. I do hope that many of you are planning to go to School of Missions, August 3-7th at Centenary College. If you cannot go to both, Guild weekend—July 31-August 3—also at Centenary College, and School of Missions, do plan to go for the weekend. The studies will be presented and you will learn enough about them to make a decision on which ones you will study. There will be a Missionary Education Clinic, so please come with all your questions and suggestions.

I know we will miss Mattie Lee Watson, been such a pleasure working with her. Will be looking forward to getting to know the new Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr., P. O. Box 536, Westlake, La. Be sure and make a note in your record of this change.



PROGRAM MATERIALS  
Grace Lawson, Conference Chairman

Grace Lawson, newly elected Chairman of Program Materials has been assisting Mrs. Orr at the Literature table at Camp Brewer for the past four summers (and Mrs. Watson for four years before that) so she needs no introduction to Louisiana Guild members.

Grace was Conference Guild Secretary from 1943 to 1950, and has also served as Conference Chairman of Missionary Education, and as Secretary of the Lake Charles District. She teaches Fifth Grade in the Welsh Elementary School, and serves her local church as Superintendent of Children's Division, Recording Steward and Communion Steward. She likes to knit or take pictures when time permits.

"Greetings from your newest chairman. I'm so new at this job, and so accustom to depending on Alice (Orr) to tell me what to do that this, my first report to you, will be mostly quotes from a recent letter from her.

As of May 1, 1964 Literature Headquarters became SERVICE CENTER. The address is still 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio. It is now the "single central ordering point for all Board of Missions Materials." In the past we have ordered Woman's Division materials from Cincinnati but other Board of Missions publications had to be ordered from New York.

We plan to have all the available new material on hand for you at Centenary for Guild Weekend—July 30, 31 and August 1. Come prepared to browse and buy. We will have a Literature Room in James Dorm and will try to have it open during all your free time. If your Chairman of Program Resources (formerly Chairman of Literature and Publications) can't be there be sure to have some one represent her at our clinic. I'll be attending the Guild Weekend and the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah in June, so I should know all the answers when we meet at Centenary. I'll see you there."

## OFF TO MT. SEQUOYAH

Louisiana Guilders will be represented at Mt. Sequoyah this month. Our two elected delegates are Miss Maree White of Opelousas and Mrs. Janice Richardson of Bunkie. Our four Conference officers to attend, and to remain for the Jurisdiction School of Missions are: Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Miss Grace Lawson and Mrs. Alvin Sandefur. We will be privileged to hear from them at Centenary, as they bring us the review on the STUDIES for 1964-65.

Other Guilders on the Mountain for the Weekend are: Dr. Clyde Addams and Miss Margaret Anders of Pineville; Miss Lillian Kennedy of Baton Rouge, Miss Vera See of Lake Charles, Mrs. Ruby Phillips, Mrs. Rita Keoun of Plain Dealing. The following from Shreveport: Miss Sybil Kelly, Mrs. Gertrude Taylor, Mrs. Mary Givens, Miss Mildred Kee and Mrs. Luna Kee.





### DOROTHY DUNBAR—NEWLY ELECTED CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN OF SUPPLY WORK

From the letters of the Apostle Paul we read, "I give thanks to God always for you"; "and I am sure that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion."

These are the same expressions of gratitude and thanks to God that members of the Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guild experience in having Dorothy Dunbar as the newly elected chairman of Supply Work. As Dorothy goes forth to answer "The Summons To A New Age", she will do so with the strong conviction 'that anything in the Lord's work that needs to be done, can be done.' Her attribute is Faith. This faith and conviction led her to the task of originating and editing our own Guild Times, and many other progressive feats in the promotion of Guild Work in our Conference. Her willingness and capability to serve in any capacity is outstanding. Her thoughts are always for others. Her dedicated leadership will move our conference Supply work forward.

Dorothy has been in business for 17 years and is owner of Dunbar's Camera and Book Shop in downtown Opelousas. She is highly respected in the Business World and is a member of the Retail Merchants and the Association of Commerce. Her favorite pass times are outings with, and photographing her nieces and nephews. The doors of her home, and the hearts of Dorothy, her Auntie, and sister, Mildred, are always open for any passer by. Their hospitality and coffee are the best.

### SUPPLY WORK Ruth Guthrie (Mrs. T. D.) Retiring Conference Chairman

There is a saying that, 'all good things must come to an end!' On this I do not agree! The past four years of Supply Work have been very good ones in our Conference. YOU, madam Guild member, have made each year better than the previous one. Although the time has come for me to step aside and let someone else take over, I am confident that each of you will continue your 'good works' under the capable leadership of our newly elected Conference Chairman of Supply Work, Miss Dorothy Dunbar.

It is with great pride that I present Dorothy to you. She needs no introduction for she is well known and loved throughout our Conference for her dedicated service and knowledge of all phases of our program. Let us prove our appreciation for Dorothy in fulfilling the purpose of Supply Work by making it: a personal and integral part of our programs; an endless study of the Christian workers and locations of 'asking'; by meeting all askings in full; local Guilds reporting all Supply Work activities to the District Chairman and by making every effort to

(See SUPPLY WORK Page 7)



### GAIL HOWARD Newly Elected District Secretary Baton Rouge District

"Elected District Secretary of the Baton Rouge District on April 5, 1964, at the Spring Meeting at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

"Born in Belle Rose, Louisiana, on January 16, 1939, into a Methodist family. I have one sister. I have been a member of the church since I was 11 years old and have taken an active part in the activities offered by the church. I have been a member of the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church for the past 11 years.

"During my high school days I served in M. Y. F. and other church organizations as president and other officers. Since going to work, I have been a counsellor in the Junior High and Senior M. Y. F. At present I am serving as one of the counsellors for the Senior High M. Y. F.

"I went to work for a law firm in Baton Rouge, Sanders, Miller, Downing, Rubin & Kean, on January 2, 1959, after completing a 15 month secretarial course at the Baton Rouge Vocational-Technical School. At present I am working for Robert A. Hawthorne, Jr., of that firm. I enjoy being a legal secretary very much and find the work very interesting.

"In 1961 when the Baton Rouge Legal Secretaries Association (La.) was organized, I became a charter member. I have served as NALS Representative for 2 years and have been elected to serve as Governor for this year.

"I serve on various Commissions and committees of my local church, some of which are the Official Board, Commission on Education, Commission on Christian Social Concerns, Music Committee and Quarterly Conference. I have been a member of the church choir for the past 11 years.

"I have been a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild for approximately five years. During this time I have served my local Guild as Vice-President, President (1961-1963) and Secretary of Promotion for one year, to which office I have been re-elected for this year. I have served as the District Recording Secretary for the past two years.

"Since I have joined the Guild I have attended many conferences, district meetings, coaching conferences and Days Apart sponsored by the District and Conference Guild.

"During the summers of 1961 and 1962 I served as Secretary to the Mountain Minutes Editor, our own Elizabeth Langford, at Mt. Sequoyah during Jurisdictional Guild Weekend and W. S. C. S. School of Missions.

"Some of my outside interests are sewing, crocheting and making other things with my hands."

Gail Howard  
Baton Rouge District



## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Marie Pace, District Secretary  
Bee Sandefur Reporting

(We are glad to report that Marie has returned to work after having been a patient at Ochsner's Foundation Hospital in New Orleans.)

Our District held its coaching conference May 3rd with the Pineville Guild as hostess. Miss Louise Jones is president at Pineville. Mrs. Frank Foreman, Spiritual Life Chairman, used a flannel graph and poem on "Our Garden of Prayer" for our inspirational meditation. Each chairman of lines of work had a clinic closing with questions and answers. Mrs. McCampbell, our WSCS District Treasurer, gave an interesting review of our finances and introduced us to more Methods of raising money for missions.

Election and installation of the following chairmen was done:

Mrs. Janice Richardson ..... Spiritual Life

Miss Isabel Dean ..... Literature

Mrs. Elva Doyle ..... Recording Secretary

Mrs. Bee Sandefur, who presided at the meeting, changed into a costume of a 1908 teacher and proceeded with the school of instruction. Much was learned at the school although conducted in a light mood. The duty of each officer was thoroughly explained and when one question was answered wrongly, that person wore the dunce cap.

Refreshments were served by the hostess Guild.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Sara Wadsworth, Retiring District Secretary

The Baton Rouge District is very proud of its accomplishments of the past year. It has been a very good year. We trust it has been in favor with God.

All seventeen units have been active in their respective towns. Some have visited 500 sick and shut-ins. Some have prepared meals for bereaved families. Christmas gifts were delivered to Greenwell Springs Hospital patients.

The Upper Room was placed in a local hospital and one unit presented a picture of Christ to a local hospital to be used with a Bible as a worship center.

Two road markers were purchased directing people to the church.

The crippled were not forgotten as one Guild gave \$35 toward the purchase of a wheel chair for an adult center.

Our school at Sagar Brown was not forgotten.

A generous donation was made to our Louisiana mission schools and to the Christian Approach Mission for the support of an orphan. This plus a gift of \$25 for gifts at Christmas.

In January we held our annual Citizenship Brunch. This was well attended and proved most inspirational.

On April 5, 1964, we held our spring meeting in the First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. The largest crowd in history was present. Fourteen of the seventeen Guilds were represented. We had our election of officers. Mrs. T. L. James installed our new officers with a beautiful and inspirational ceremony.

Also in April we held our Day Apart at Camp Istrouma. A good crowd was present and a day long to be remembered was enjoyed by all. The program was most worshipful and we all felt very close to God. Dr. Trice came in the afternoon and showed slides of his recent trip to Africa. These slides showed the work of the Methodist Church in Africa.

There were thirteen study courses conducted in the District. The action from these courses helped the missions, the sick, the orphans, hospitals and schools.

We are indeed glad to report that our pledge and supply askings were met.

My congratulations and best wishes to our new District Secretary, Miss Gail Howard.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Laura Lynch, District Secretary

All units in the district have elected officers for the new year and reported them. Some Guilds have elected new officers and some have reelected the same ones. Second year officers are familiar with the work and are in a position to begin work immediately.

The Guilders of the district regret that Alberta Salmons, Spiritual Life Chairman, had to resign that chairmanship due to ill health. She is improving and hopes to be back in full swing before too long.

We were well represented at the Annual Spring Conference in Lafayette, having had thirty-six to go.

The Susie Jones unit of DeRidder gave six Life Memberships during the past year. They report that nearly 100 per cent of their members have received that honor.

Francis Arpke, a graduate of the Leesville High School, was presented the Gertrude E. Daubs Scholarship by the Leesville District recently. Francis plans to study Home Economics.

Lake Arthur Guilders say "Thank You" for the booklet depicting worship centers. They find it most helpful.

Members of the Welsh Guild hope to complete cataloging the church library during the summer. They are to be commended for this important venture.

The District Spring Meeting was held on Sunday, April 19th, in DeRidder with the Maye Youngblood and Susie Jones units as hostesses. Grace Lawson presided in the absence of the District Secretary. Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Guild Secretary, was the guest speaker. Her message, "Ambassadors for Christ" was very inspiring.

A report on Supply Work was given by Eva Stocking, Supply Chairman.

District officers for the next two years were installed by Arline.

Remember Guild Weekend, July 30 - August 1 and 2, at Centenary College, followed by the School of Missions.



## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. Louis (Lillian) Soileau, District Secretary

### "ABOUT ME:

I was born, reared and educated in Malvern, Arkansas. For the greatest part of my adult life I have been a bookkeeper. At the present time I am doing General Ledger Bookkeeping for Abdalla's Furniture, Inc.

"In the local Guild, I have served as Treasurer, President and Chairman of various Committees. In the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church I have taught Sunday School, served on the Board, on Commissions and have been and still am a choir member.

"I am past President of the Pilot Club of Opelousas, was Treasurer for two years and District Secretary of Pilot Club International District 111 for 1 year. I have served on various committees and committee Chairman since I have been a Pilot for six years. My family consists of husband, Louis and 14 year old son, Artie.

"It is with humility that I accept the office of Secretary of the Lafayette District Guild. Many of you I have met during the last few years, but I hope that I come to know more of you. In this capacity I stand ready to help and assist in every way that I possibly can. Please do not hesitate to call upon me, if I do not know the answers I will try to direct you to someone who does."



Lafayette District held its spring meeting in New Iberia, Louisiana, April 26, 1964. Six of the seven Guilds from the District were represented. It was noted that Lafayette District has a net gain of 6 with a total of 146 members.

Mrs. Bessie Fairley was presented a Life membership pin by the District. Bessie presented her two daughter-in-laws and her newest grandchild a Life membership pin and a baby membership pin respectively.

An address "To This We Witness" was given by our Conference Secretary Miss Arline Tyler which she rounded into a most impressive installation service. The following who were installed are: Mrs. Louis Soileau, Opelousas—District Secretary; Miss Marilynn Carter, Opelousas—Recording Secretary.

Chairmen of Lines of Work: Mrs. Inaz Curtis, Rayne—Missionary Education; Miss Hermaine Tate, Lafayette—Spiritual Life; Mrs. Robert Briley, New Iberia—Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Inez Hurst, Houma—Supply Work.

Mrs. Eloi Girard President, Lafayette District, Woman's Society and Mrs. Shirley Ellender, District Treasurer, gave a report to us. It was so nice to have WSCS represented we are always happy to have them.

Our Fall Meeting will be held in Opelousas, the date to be announced later. Hope to see even more of you there.

Dates to remember: July 31-August 2—Conference Guild Weekend at Centenary College, Shreveport—School of Missions Follows. Fall—Fall meeting in Opelousas.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. M. W. (Janie) Phillips, District Secretary

The Monroe District has had a successful year. This was evident at the all day district meeting which convened at West Monroe First Church in April. Had it not been for illness in one unit, there would have been 100% representation. There were one hundred persons present, the largest attendance in the history of the district organization.

We were also well represented at the Conference meeting in Lafayette, having had thirty-six members present.

Now it is time to prepare for Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequophah. Ruth Guley of Oak Grove will be our official delegate and will stay on the mountain. Why not join the others who will stop at motels in town?

I'm anticipating communing with my Guild sisters at Guild Weekend which will be held at Centenary. The School of Missions follows. (See information elsewhere in the Times). See you there.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mrs. Milton C. (Louise) Baldrige, District Secretary

The New Orleans District wishes to congratulate the Lafayette District for a very fine Spring Meeting. There was evidence of much planning and concern for the comfort and Christian fellowship of their guests. Many thanks to each of you for a most enjoyable weekend.

The Annual District Meeting was held on April 20th. at Rayne Memorial Church. Officers elected at this meeting were:

Missionary Education	Miss Eleanor Goodman
Christian Social Relations	Mrs. Violet Jackson
Supply Work	Mrs. Gilbert Wade
Nominating Committee	Mrs. Lester Beard
Woman's Society of Christian Service	Mrs. Warren Orr
	and Mrs. Paul Cunningham

We thank the retiring officers of the district for their loyalty, cooperation, and their time given so willingly in the past.

The retiring officers are:

Missionary Education	Mrs. Beverly Biehler
Christian Social Relations	Mrs. Lester Beard
Supply Work	Mrs. Lucile Wells
Mrs. Max Clayton, Mrs. Andrew Wyly, Mrs. L. C. Miller.	

The highlight of our district meeting was the guest speaker, Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr. from MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma, Louisiana. She spoke about the "25th Anniversary and Missions" emphasizing the importance of the projected future needs. It was informative, challenging and inspiring; her warm, friendly personality captured the audience.

Officer's Training Day will be held on May 24th at Carrollton Methodist Church. There will be workshops for all officers and chairmen.

All guilds in the district have been very busy this year serving their churches and community in many ways; some are on the Official Board, Chairman of Commissions, officers and teachers in the church school and assisting in various fellowship activities. We look forward to the new year with enthusiasm and concern for our work.



Mrs. Bessie Fairley of Opelousas, outgoing District Secretary of Lafayette District, receives an Honorary Life Membership Pin from the Lafayette District. Her son, Reverend Vernon Fairley, is looking on while her other son, Bill, "pins his mother". Miss Marilynn Carter made the presentation. Bessie has retired from the teaching profession and has recently accepted a position in our Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, where she will assist in Remedial Education. Our conference is proud of Bessie's entering full-time Christian service.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Sue Batton, District Secretary

We have just completed a very successful year in Ruston District.

Our district was represented at the Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer, with several helping with the Clinics and program. Also attended the Conference School of Missions at Centenary College in Shreveport. Represented at the Guild Executive Committee meeting in Alexandria, and the recent Annual Spring meeting in Lafayette. Many Guilders have stated they will attend the Guild Weekend and School of Missions this coming August in Shreveport. It is very important that we attend these meetings.

Several of our Guild Units have been joining the Woman's Society of Christian Service in visitation campaigns, with emphasis on membership, and as a result we have gained thirty-five new members and a new Unit at Lakeview Methodist Church. I urge all Units in our district to continue this visitation, and to those who have not, I urge them to do so.

Our pledge to Missions was increased for 1963-1964. We have over-paid this pledge and our Mission pledge for 1964-1965 was also increased, and thanks to nine Units out of eleven who increased their pledge to meet this increase. After all, our main purpose is Missions.

We have had more study courses with increased interest and more participation in Church studies. All programs are well planned, and if I know Guild work, and I think I do, Ruston District is doing quality work, and is to be commended for the fine Christian spirit that prevails in our district.

Many of our Units have studied the Primer on the work of the Woman's Society Wesleyan Service Guild and Division, and feel that they have been benefited. After receiving the recent reports I was deeply impressed with the great interest of all of the Guild Units in so many Civic and community projects, as well as participation in the whole Church program.

We have enjoyed, in our district, the fellowship with the Woman's Society of Christian Service in launching the 25th Anniversary, and think this has been a step forward in bringing the Woman's Society and Guilds into a closer relationship. It has helped us to grow in understanding and spiritual power, and increased our knowledge of needs of the world, and our responsibility in the work.

We now have 270 members in our district and our Pledge to Missions for 1964-1965 is \$2,367.00.



## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Miss Sybil Kelly, District Secretary

Theme: "That All May Have the Spirit of His Love"

Members of the Shreveport District concluded their church year with a district weekend at Camp Caney on May 2-3. Total registration was 62, including guest speakers and pages. While the Mansfield unit handled registration, the district committee met for its last session under the direction of the entire slate of outgoing district officers. Concurrent with this was a craft hour directed by the Wynn unit, where Guild-emblem pencil boxes were made.

Following a picnic lunch and the first business session, Mangum Unit I conducted two 45-minute coaching clinics for officers and chairmen of lines of work. Mrs. Mary Gardner, secretary of promotion for the Shreveport district W.S.C.S. then spoke to the entire group on "What It Means to be a Methodist Woman," and "Uses of Our Money," which was illustrated with an effective money flip chart.

An election of district officers resulted in the following: district secretary, Miss Sybil Kelly, Mangum I; recording secretary, Miss Adeline Durham, Noel; chairman of spiritual life, Miss Elizabeth Ricks, Mansfield; chairman of missionary education, Mrs. Sylvia Lightfoot, Wynn; chairman of Christian social relations, Mrs. Gertrude Taylor, Mangum I; chairman of literature and publicity, Mrs. Ruby Phillips, Plain Dealing; supply chairman, Mrs. Linda Power, Many; nominating committee chairman, Miss Jerry Beck, Mansfield; and W.S.C.S. member at large, Mrs. Jack Tcombs, Vivian. The new officers were installed in an impressive ceremony conducted by Miss Arline Tyler, conference secretary.

The Saturday evening vesper service was under the direction of the Haughton Unit. Miss Tyler's message to the group concluded the last general session of the day. Eight young ladies from Coushatta, Mansfield and Shreveport served as pages throughout the weekend, cheerfully providing services from message deliveries to cot and mattress carrying. Pam Jones daughter of Mrs. Estelle Jones from Coushatta, also sang on two occasions, as did the Mansfield quartet from their Youth Choir, conducted by Jerry Beck.

Sunday's morning watch and communion service was directed by the Lakeview Unit, and the quiet breakfast, by members of Noel. The mission hour, conducted by the First Church featured Miss Sheila Nuttall, Woman's Division worker in the Shreveport District. During the last general session, Mrs. Frances Kavanaugh, Shreveport district W.S.C.S. treasurer, presented Jerry with an honorary life membership on behalf of the district. The 11 o'clock worship hour, presented by the Alma Levins Unit, featured as its speaker Miss Alma Levins.

Impressive and original table decorations at each meal were prepared by members of the Many Unit. Featured guest speakers, in addition to those mentioned, were two members of the Monroe district, Miss Elizabeth Langford, editor of Guild Times, and Mrs. Agnes Miller, outgoing conference chairman of missionary education. Mrs. Miller conducted a coaching clinic in her line of work, and Miss Langford stirred the group with her enthusiastic and inspirational dedication to the Guild Times, certainly one of the finest publications of its kind.

An unusual situation existed in this district in that all district officers' terms of office expired this year. In order to prevent this in the future, the incoming slate of officers will serve staggering terms in their respective lines of work. It is the feeling of the outgoing group that these last two years have been most successful in the work of the Lord. They relinquish their work to the new group—and to all other incoming officers—with all good wishes for success. May we stay strong in our faith, optimistic about the future, and enthusiastic in our work.

## SUPPLY WORK . . .

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attend and take part in the Conference Guild Clinics or Supply Workshops.

'CASH ASKINGS' FOR 1964 - 1965 ARE:

HOME: HOLDING INSTITUTE,

LAREDO, TEXAS

\$1,457.00

FOREIGN: INDIA

2,493.00

MAGAZINE AND PICTURE FUND . . . EACH GUILD \$2.00

per year.

My thanks to you again for your splendid cooperation during my time of service. Now I will leave you with these thoughts from Miss Charlene Houts, Jurisdiction Chairman of Supply Work:

Save at least a dollar and a half to help buy necessities you and I have had for years;

Until those who are in need are fed both materially and spiritually, GIVE!

Plan to write the Institutions which we support and receive first-hand information;

Pray for the workers, the work and for us that we might have Christian attitudes;

Love is above all. Without it we have no right to say we care;

You are so very important; first in God's sight, next in your understanding of and compassion for your fellow man.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur, Chairman

Problems cannot be solved by bombs!

Will it be missiles or missionaries,

Friendships or warships?

It is our choice—love or hate!

No tensions will ever be eased but by God's love.

Let us throw away our LITTLE measures—and know that times have changed.

We recommend that members of the Wesleyan Service Guild:

1. Work in specific ways on all organizational levels toward implementation of the goals in the 1962 Charter of Racial Policies.
2. Publicize successful programs of the United Nations in children's work and technical assistance in countries around the world.
3. Conscious of the need to combat reactionary fear and hate campaigns, participate wherever possible in workshops "On Learning to Meet Controversy".
4. Become involved in the work of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns in the local church.
5. Study and share in the growing ecumenical relations and responsibilities of the church.
6. Since 1964 is an election year, stress understanding of candidates, their voting records and their policies. Where appropriate use the technique of the citizenship brunch.

## IN MEMORIAM

"God grant you comfort day by day

And strength to see you through,

And may you know how lovingly

He watches over you."

Our Sympathy to:

Miss Laura Lynch, Lake Charles District Secretary, in the loss of her mother; Misses Mary Annie and Jerry Wall of First Church Guild, Eaton Rouge, in the loss of their brother; Mrs. Ross Coates of First Church Guild, Unit I, Monroe, in the loss of her husband; Mrs. Mary Lee Barbee of First Church Guild, Unit I, Monroe, in the loss of her mother.

Miss DLO Puckett, First Church, Unit I, Monroe Guild, in the loss of her mother.

And to others of you, throughout our conference, who have had sorrow to bear we want you to know that your fellow Guilders share this sorrow with you.

## VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

E. T. C. M. Hospital

Kolar, Mysore State, India

May 16, 1964

Dear Guilders,

Here I am back in India, and at the present time up in the mountains of South India enjoying some coolness. It seems hardly any time since I was there in Louisiana with you. I did such a variety of things during my short 5½ months furlough at home that the time literally flew past. This included such things as: Staying with my father during his last illness—and at the same time being in my brother's home with a teenager, closing up the home in which my parents had lived for thirty-eight years, being with my brother during a cataract operation, doing special night duty with my sister-in-law after an emergency appendectomy, driving nearly ten thousand miles between Florida, Tennessee, Louisiana, and all over Florida as I visited and met church groups and conference for speaking and slide-showing of our mission work and projects here in India. As for shopping and getting ready to return to India, this was done mostly as I drove along and just stopped at shopping centers along the way for an hour or two as a way of resting from long periods of driving. Packing was interspersed between trips and engagements as I would get home for a day or two now and then.

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### MISS SYBIL KELLY NEWLY ELECTED SECRETARY SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Now the Guilders throughout the conference can become better acquainted with another one of our outstanding, capable Guilders of the Shreveport District. Meet Sybil Kelly! Sybil has written many articles as reporter to Guild Times from the Shreveport District. We anticipate a great era for her district as she steps into the capable shoes of our beloved and enthusiastic Jerry Beck.

Sybil graduated from Louisiana Tech in 1950 with a B.S. in Education. She received her Masters in Education from Stephen F. Austin in Nacodoches, Texas. She has taught in elementary schools for 14 years and at present is teaching the 4th grade at Queensborough Elementary School, Shreveport. She is a member of the Caddo Teachers' Association; PTA; Louisiana Teachers' Association; Association for Childhood Education; Alpha Kappa, honorary teachers' sorority, and Phi Mu Society.

As a member of Mangum Methodist Church for 22 years, she has served in many capacities: On the Official Board; Commission on Education; Stewardship Committee; Family Life Committee, the Building Committee and Every Member Canvass. She has been Superintendent of the Youth Division and is now Church School Secretary.

The Guild is one of her "loves". She has been President, Vice President, Secretary, Chairman of Missionary Education and Promotion Secretary of her local unit. She has held several offices in District. Sybil has attended several of our conference Guild weekends, and has been to Mt. Sequoyah Guild Weekend.

Welcome, Sybil, to your new job as District Secretary!

VELA . . .

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I'm sorry I did not have more time this furlough for you folks in Louisiana. However, I'm so glad I did have the two weeks I did have with you in the Annual Meetings of the W.S.C.S. and W.S.G. and around New Orleans. It was wonderful for me to have the privilege of attending and participating in all the District Annual Meetings of the W.S.C.S. in Florida and in this way to get to know so many of Florida women. I didn't get to the Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild in Florida because I was with you at Lafayette at the Annual Meeting of the Guild in Louisiana the same weekend. As you know, I am supported by both the Florida and Louisiana Conferences, but, since I had been out of Florida for the ten years preceding my departure for India I really didn't know the women of Florida as well as I knew you folks there in Louisiana. So, for this reason, I'm glad I did get the time with the Florida W.S.C.S.

that I did. I had planned for April and May in Louisiana but when my visa for return to India came back with the return date in early April then, of course, all plans had to be dropped in order to get back by the visa expiry date. I'm looking forward, however, to my next furlough and the opportunity to have time for real good visits with you. May I, please?

Since I've gotten a general letter out, which my brother is to print and mail from Fort Meade so everyone will receive it sooner, I'm not going to write about my trip to and arrival in India. I'll just have to say, however, that my sister and I did have a wonderful trip together with sightseeing all along the way. Some of my favorite reading as I was growing up was with the ancient Greek, Roman, and Scandinavian mythology. In Greece, these ancient tales came alive as we climbed up and down hills and walked in and out of the ancient temples and amphitheaters which were built for the glory and worship of those Greek gods, goddesses, and heroes. In Bagdad and Corinth, the old stories of Babylon and Nebuchadnezzar and the later stories of Paul came alive here in the palaces and streets and market places of these ancient ruins. I'm sorry that we could not have done this trip about three years ago so that my Dad could have been with us to enjoy it to the fullest, as he always did any trips he made.

After the busy two and a half months in the States before I left New York, and then these strenuous five weeks sightseeing, I'm more than glad now to have this month of rest and relaxation in the mountains before actually getting back into the work here. Jean has gone on to Southeast Asia and is in the midst of her three months working assignment as consultant with our social work agencies in Southeast Asia. She is still following a strenuous schedule and will for some time to come.

Thank you each one for helping to make my time in Louisiana so wonderful and enjoyable. As I get back into the work I'll be letting you know about what goes on here from time to time. Let me hear from you too.

Blessings on thee, Vela

### ARE YOU READY TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO GUILD TIMES!

This is the fourth and last issue of GUILD TIMES for 1963-64. Your editor had planned for only six pages, but introducing our new Lines-of-Work Chairmen and District Secretaries out weighed the need for economy. I am hoping that your meeting and reading about your new conference personnel will spur each of you to work harder for subscriptions for 1964-65. I trust you won't fail me. Also, your editor had several items from local Guilds that could not be included in this issue.

This issue scrapes the bottom of the money barrel. Subscriptions for 1964-65 MUST begin coming in immediately. All subscriptions (\$1.00) should be sent in by mail, or brought to Guild Weekend at Centenary. September is the deadline, as the next issue goes to press at that time.

I AM ASKING FOR 800 SUBSCRIPTIONS. Be sure to use the subscription sheet enclosed with this issue. IF your address has changed, give both the old and new address so we can identify your addressograph plate and make the correct change.

Again we are suggesting that you include 3 subscriptions in your Guild Budget: 1 for your Guild files, 1 for your pastor, and one for your W.S.C.S. President, or your co-ordinator.

District Secretaries—get in touch with your local presidents and see if YOUR district can have local Guilds 100% and possibly lead the conference in subscriptions. Someone will! All of you have been so very wonderful to your editor. It is a joy and a privilege to work with you. I will see you in Shreveport. May you continue to make Guilddom great in our Louisiana Conference as we work together to make Christ known in our daily lives.

Your editor—

Elizabeth Langford

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## "THAT ALL MAY HAVE THE SPIRIT OF HIS LOVE" ... and how was this done? ... "by truly making His paths our chosen way!"

Thus the meaningful theme of our 18th ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND became a reality to the 209 registered delegates who were there. Yes, this was a different Guild weekend.

1. In a different place. For the first time we reluctantly turned away from "dear ole Camp Brewer" and made our way to our own Centenary College in Shreveport—and the almost unanimous vote to return again next year to Centenary inferred that the change was delightful. Your editor had only one regret—we did not take time to tour the college campus and point out to our Guilders the many other buildings that make up our Methodist college. Thank you, Dr. Wilkes, for the cordial welcome extended to us as we convened our weekend at Centenary. You and Dr. Taylor made us most welcomed. It would truly be interesting to know how many of the 209 were on the campus for the first time!

2. Our program was different in organization and presentation. Bee Sandefur, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations, again proved her ability as she and her committee formulated a program that moved smoothly and developed every phase of inspiration and instruction. Thanks, Bee, and committee, for a job well done.

3. The Friday evening Fellowship and Worship period in James Dormitory was different. Singing was led by Mrs. Fred Shirley and the Bible Depth Study was conducted by Mrs. Dana Dawson, opening the weekend on a high note of worship.

4. The presentation of our Goals as we moved into the new quadrennium was different and a challenge to our women. We have Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, WSCS President, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Treasurer, Mrs. Glenn Laskey of the Woman's Division, Mrs. Lee Tidwell and other members of the Guild Committee to thank for the fine presentation of our new Goals. Through Departmental Clinics, Workshops and platform addresses we received instruction and information that increased our knowledge of Guild work.

5. Our Missionary Hour was different. It was delightful

to hear Gretchen Elston Benner and Mimori Urakami Robertson as they conversed about their experiences in Japan. Two dedicated Christian women who demonstrated that His Paths have been their chosen way. Group singing, led by Jerry Beck, is always a wonderful hour. And Jerry lifted our hearts as she sang for us "How Great Thou Art".

Then on Sunday morning we were privileged to hear Miss Miriam Brattain of our Board of Missions, New York, as she spoke on the theme "That All May Have the Spirit of His Love". She asked and answered "What is the Spirit? . . . How does the Spirit come? . . . Who receives the Holy Spirit?"

With Emma Mainous, Chairman of Missionary Education, presiding, the Studies for the year were presented by Mrs. Dameron—"Genesis"; Grace Lawson—"The Church's Mission Among New Nations"; Arline Tyler—"Spanish Americans" and Bee Sandefur—"The United State's Responsibility in the World Community of New Nations".

Sunday morning early we gathered in the amphitheatre to observe a Meditation and Love Feast, led by Mildred Evans, Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation and assisted by the Guilders of New Orleans District. The Love Feast culminated in personal testimonies as Guilders spoke from their hearts.

Grace Lawson, Chairman of Program Materials, reported that the total sales from the Literature Room amounted to \$459.75. Thanks, Grace. You and your helpers really stayed on the job.

Ruby Phillips and Sybil Kelly handled the details of registration. They reported the following by districts: Alexandria—10; Baton Rouge—11; Lafayette—18; Lake Charles—16; Monroe—26; New Orleans—34 (they came by chartered bus); Ruston—24; and Shreveport—52. (191) plus W.S.C.S.—9 and visitors 9. Total—209. Everyone was housed in air-conditioned dorms and the few leisure moments were enjoyed in the spacious lounge of James Hall. We were delighted with the beautiful Hurley Music Building and especially the large auditorium.

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WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD — LOUISIANA CONFERENCE 18th ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND — in amphitheatre of Centenary College, Shreveport.





LOUISIANA DELEGATION at South Central Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah—Back Row: Miss Grace Lawson, Welsh; Mrs. Mary Givens, Shreveport; Mrs. Ruby Phillips, Plain Dealing; Miss Vera See, Lake Charles; Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Shreveport; Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Ruston. Middle Row: Miss Mildred Evans, New Orleans; Dr. Clyde Adams, Pineville; Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport; Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Pineville; Mrs. Rita Keoun, Plain Dealing; Mrs. Bea Sandefur, Bunkie; Miss Maree White, Opelousas. Front Row: Mrs. Margaret Anders, Pineville; Mrs. Janice Richardson, Bunkie. Not pictured: Sibyl Kelly and Gertrude Taylor, Shreveport.

## The SECRETARY'S Pen

Dear Co-workers:

My heart is filled with gratitude for your cooperation and attendance at our Guild Weekend on Centenary College Campus making it such an enriching experience. Let us start now by sharing, cultivating interest, promoting participation to make an even greater Conference Guild Weekend at Centenary on August 6-8, 1965.

September has been designated as District Coaching Conference month. I hope each district will plan carefully and each local Unit will cooperate to make it an informative and meaningful experience. Suggestions are being mailed to each district secretary.

To make the visit of Maryruth Nickels, Field Worker from the Woman's Division, worthwhile, each district secretary must plan carefully and wisely with the District president of the Woman's Society and each local Guild must cooperate. This is for October. Let's do our part.

PRESIDENTS will receive the Evaluation Reports for the local Guild and will be responsible, assisted by recording secretary and such chairmen as needed, for completing and channeling these reports properly by NOVEMBER 5th. Watch your mail carefully and be prompt.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, your report will be mailed direct to you from the conference secretary. There will be some changes in your report.

Observance of Guild Month and the 25th Anniversary should have an important place in your plans for local Guilds and District. Be sure to include them.

It is my hope that every Guild officer and chairman: local, district, and conference, will establish a personal acquaintance

with the TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY AND THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD. Local presidents and district officers will receive a copy. Others may be obtained from the Conference Secretary, Recording Secretary of Woman's Society (conference) for 75¢ per copy.

If we will attempt great things for God, we can expect great things from Him. We CAN if we WILL. May God's guidance and blessing be with each of you always.

Sincerely,  
Arline Tyler

## THAT ALL MAY . . .

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The Sunday morning offering amounted to \$120.00 and the Corsages for Missions brought in \$60.00.

And did we eat!! We had heard of the wonderful meals served in the Centenary Cafeteria—well, wonderful is the word. And the fellowship in the dining hall was a great time for getting acquainted and having a good time with friends.

Of course your editor has not mentioned individually all who contributed so willingly to the weekend . . . district secretaries who deserve credit for their delegations being present . . . the many "behind the scene" helpers who turn the wheels of motion . . . but, YOU, whoever you are, did your part to round out another successful conference program. If you want to have an enjoyable evening, get out your Guild Times file and read the reports for each of the last 12 weekends. Through them all you will find Wesleyan Service Guild women developing the theme of our last session—1964: "TO KNOW . . . TO GROW . . . TO GIVE . . . TO GO". And as you "go" may the joy of our united service enrich and beautify your life and make you a blessing to your Guild, your missionaries, your church and your community that YOU may share in bringing the Kingdom of Peace to our disordered world.



## Your Conference Treasurer Says:

Because there might be questions about financial relationships under the new board of missions structure, Miss Florence Little, Treasurer of the Woman's Division, made the following statements in a letter to me dated June 3, 1964:

1. There is no change in financial responsibilities for members of Woman's Societies and Guilds.

2. Pledge for missions, cash for supply work, supplementary gifts and cultivation fund monies will continue.

3. All pledge credit monies (pledge to missions, memberships, in remembrance gifts, action from study, my world bank) will continue to be the source of appropriations for the work and projects now carried on through the foreign and home departments.

4. These appropriations for support of the work will be voted by the woman's division upon recommendation by the executive secretaries through the world and national division.

5. This work will no longer be known as "woman division work" but will be known as "Board of Missions Work" under the world and/or national divisions.

6. Women members of the board of missions will be members of the woman's division and the world and/or national divisions. As members in these divisions they continue to carry responsibility for policy, program and project.

7. Funds from local Societies and Guilds will be sent through the regular channels, that is: THE LOCAL GUILD TREASURER REPORTS TO THE LOCAL SOCIETY TREASURER, THE LOCAL SOCIETY TREASURER REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT TREASURER, THE DISTRICT TREASURER TO THE CONFERENCE TREASURER, THE CONFERENCE TREASURER TO THE DIVISION TREASURER.

8. The treasurer of the woman's division will continue to receive, hold and disburse funds according to the constitution and bylaws of the woman's division.

9. Conferences will be given new opportunities for sharing in missionary support.

10. THERE IS AS MUCH NEED AS EVER BEFORE FOR THE 25 PER CENT INCREASE IN PLEDGE GIVING PRESENTLY UNDERWAY IN THE 25th ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM.

When a treasurer is called on for a report, she not only makes a financial statement but she should interpret the meaning of giving and the financial needs of the work which is ours through the woman's division. It is my hope that each one of us will come to understand more fully than ever before that money is more than dollars and cents when given to God through our Societies and Guilds. Our money becomes an expression of our commitment and an answer to someone's PRAYER or NEED.

Please take advantage of every opportunity to promote pledge giving. I sincerely hope you are using your "special missions bank" or "my world bank". Have you been reminded of the many blessings you have received? I have. Remember the money we place in our banks is above the individual pledge.

We have a challenging task before us. Be assured we can achieve our increase in pledge giving, if each individual accepts and executes this privilege. How will your Guild measure up when reports are brought in?

Hazel (Mrs. Carl) Galleher



Registration — Sybil Kelly, Shreveport District Secretary and Ruby Phillips, Plain Dealing — Registration Chairman, registered 209 delegates in James Building lounge.

Miss Miriam Brattain—  
Woman's Division, New  
York — on steps of  
Hurley Music Building.



## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. C. G. Mainous (Emma) Conference Chairman

Guild weekend at Centenary College on July 31st, through August 3rd, was a most stimulating experience for all who attended. The attendance was good and the whole program had a new look. Arline can certainly feel justly proud of the meeting.

The presentation of the studies was most interesting and with the whole hour the leaders were able to give enough material to be a real help to those who will be leading the studies on the local level.

The Missionary Education Clinic was attended by 19 Guilders. Six District Missionary Education Chairmen and 13 local chairmen. The changes were presented in the Clinic and materials are being channelled to the District Missionary Education Chairman for them to pass on to the local.

I urge every Missionary Education Chairman to make every effort to keep the Standard for studies higher than when we had Jurisdiction Recognition. Until such time as the "Goals for Effectiveness" reach you proceed just as you have in the past. It will be necessary for you to keep a record book in order to be accurate in reporting. ACCURACY in reporting is our goal in the future. The chart that you will receive from your District Missionary Education Chairman will explain the record that you will need to keep. Let us not be guilty of lowering the standard of our studies. This is our opportunity to use our imagination and creative ability in finding more effective ways to present the studies and the program.

Be sure and watch the back cover of the Methodist Woman for announcement of the four handbooks. One of the handbooks is for the Woman's Society of Christian Service. With the new Purpose making us one it is recommended that we study all four handbooks in order to be familiar with both programs.

## Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Calendar of Activities 1964-65

SEPTEMBER: District Coaching Conferences  
OCTOBER — Nov. 1: Cultivation and Promotion of Work with visitation by Maryruth Nickels, Field Worker.  
OCTOBER 31 — Nov. 1: Mid-year meeting of the Conference Guild Committee, Alexandria.  
JANUARY: Observance of Guild Month and the 25th Anniversary.  
MARCH 13 — 14: Conference Spring Meeting. Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport.  
JUNE 7 — 11: Regional School of Christian Mission. Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.  
JUNE 18, 19, 20: Jurisdiction Guild Weekend. Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas.  
AUGUST 6, 7, 8: Conference Guild Weekend. Centenary College, Shreveport.  
AUGUST 9 — 13: Conference School of Christian Mission. Centenary College. Shreveport.





Mrs. Gretchen Elston Benner (Shreveport-Japan) and Mrs. Mimori Urakami Robertson (Japan-Shreveport) featured speakers at the Missionary Hour on Saturday evening.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

To all of you who assumed responsibility for the Spiritual Life of our program for Guild Weekend, I am deeply grateful and express to you my sincere appreciation for your cooperation and help.

Many of you asked for a copy of the History and Purpose of the Love Feast. The information has been sent to Miss Vera See, P. O. Box 781, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70604. Vera has offered to make copies for those desiring the information.

Mrs. Sovola Shackelford, Chairman, Spiritual Life Cultivation, South Central Jurisdiction, advises that the Fall Spiritual Life Retreat of the South Central Jurisdiction will be held October 31—November 1, 1964, at Lakeview Methodist Assembly, Palestine, Texas. She states that details will follow later.

One of the responsibilities of Spiritual Life Cultivation is to Study the New Purpose. For this, I would call your attention to the article by Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, "Purpose and Function In A New Age" on page 21 of the July-August, 1964, of The Methodist Woman and to the program "A New Purpose For A New Age" in the 1964-65 Program Book, "Summoned To A New Age".

"A Call To Prayer and Self-Denial" will be observed October 25-31, 1964. We strongly urge all of you to take this opportunity to strengthen your spiritual life in all phases through special participation in this observance. Packets have been given to all District Spiritual Life Chairmen for distribution to their local chairmen. We hope these will help you in keeping this important period.

Love,  
Mildred

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur, Chairman

First let me thank everyone of you who gave so freely of yourself and your time to Guild Weekend at Centenary. It was wonderful to have people respond as you do—"so again"—a great big THANK YOU.

Those of you who ordered the skit used during the presentation of "The United States Responsibility in the Emerging Nations" have received them and I hope you use them. I urge that you take this timely study in your Guild.

All District Chairmen who could not attend Guild Weekend missed getting their "Work Sheet Packet". Please write me a card and request it—it is your Guide to the year's work and a very helpful guide for your fall meeting.

I am looking forward to a trip to the second National Conference on Christian Social Concerns in Washington, D. C., in October and on to New York to the United Nations Seminar. I hope many of you visited the United Nations when you went to the Fair. There is so much to be learned in this work. Start planning now for your celebration of U. N. Day, October 24—your supper—your window display or whatever you may do. Also for U.N.I.C.E.F., this is an important thing now for your group to sponsor.

This is election year. Find out about your candidates and vote. Urge others to vote. Have you ever tried a Citizenship Brunch? Try one, and watch the results. One other thing, in your program building be sure to use "Part III Outreach" of the new program book and create interest in your meetings. Newness and change have become a part of our everyday lives. Drastic changes are taking place in church, in home, and in society as a whole. A New Age is upon us.

## SUPPLY WORK

Dorothy Dunbar Conference Chairman

Three District Chairmen of Supply Work attended the Supply Work Clinic at Guild Weekend. There were a number of local chairmen and treasurers in this clinic, which was conducted by Hazel Gallaher, Conference Treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and this writer.

Recommendations which came from Charlene Houts, Lincoln, Nebraska, Jurisdiction Chairman of Supply Work, was given to each of those present. We will repeat those recommendations in this column and we are giving particular emphasis to the one on devoting at least one program a year on one of the institutions that is on our Supply Askings. The following are recommendations:

1. That the local chairman of supply be a member of the committee on finance,
2. That the local, district, and conference chairmen keep in close contact with your treasurers,
3. That one program a year be devoted to a study of the institutions to which we send cash for supply.

In planning a program on supply you may write to the institutions for material. Most of the institutions will send a representative out to speak to your group. (You must pay travel expense.) Some will send you lists of needs. ALWAYS BE SURE YOU MEET THE CASH ASKING FIRST, then you may want to follow with special gifts. The directors always include the things MOST needed in the asking which they send to the Division. It is from this that our first asking comes.

Holding Institute, which is one of our Supply Askings for 1964-65, will make place cards or favors during the school year. Allow at least six weeks for making and delivery of these items. You may write to Mr. Victor Cruz-Aedo, Holding Institute, Drawer 269, Laredo, Texas.

Lillian Kennedy, Baton Rouge District Chairman of Supply Work, brought to the attention of the group that there is an interesting article on the Holding Institute in the February, 1961, issue of WORLD OUTLOOK.

In the January, 1964, issue of he METHODIST WOMAN, page 20, there is a skit "Going The Second Mile". This skit could be worked up to suit your own Guild and used at one of your local meetings.

Our cash gifts in addition to the Holding Institute on the National level, will go to many schools, health centers, etc., in India. If you are near a university, you may be fortunate in being able to secure an Indian student to come speak to your group. In some areas missionaries are available. Pictures may be cut from the WORLD OUTLOOK, METHODIST WOMAN, or TOGETHER and used on an opaque projector. Be sure to prepare an interesting script. There are articles and pictures in the following issues of the WORLD OUTLOOK, January, May and June, 1964, September, 1963, September, 1962, and March, May and November, 1961.



Hazel Gallaher, Conference Treasurer, and Estelle Dameron, Conference President, take a front seat, anticipating the "Missionary Hour".



## PROGRAM MATERIALS

Grace Lawson, Conference Chairman

### A NEW AGE — A NEW QUADRENNIUM — A NEW PURPOSE

All these mean new program materials. I'm sure by now most of you know that the person whom you elected to be Chairman of Literature has become Chairman of Program Materials, and that Service Center (formerly Literature Headquarters, Woman's Division of Christian Service) 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio—45237—has expanded its facilities, and can now supply us with many of the Audio-Visual Resources which we formerly had to order from Cokesbury.

If you haven't received your Service Center Catalog order one at once. In the meantime watch the back page of the Methodist Woman for dates when the new handbooks and other new materials will be available.

One of the changes which affects us all is in relation to Handbooks. There will be only four handbooks, instead of one for each line of work. The lines of work will be combined in the new HANDBOOK ON PROGRAM. Your Program Materials Chairman should order one of these as well as the newly revised HANDBOOK FOR THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD for each of your officers and chairmen. The new HANDBOOK ON FINANCE should be in the hands of your president as well as the treasurer and members of the Finance Committee. The fourth handbook will be A HANDBOOK FOR THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE and will replace the Guide. Most Guild presidents will want one of these also.

You have received your Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Packet—be sure that the program committee studies it immediately so that they can order additional copies of the pieces of material they need for the observance in October.

## TERMINOLOGY

Will you please become familiar with these changes and use them beginning NOW?

Secretary of promotion becomes CHAIRMAN OF MEMBERSHIP CULTIVATION.

Use the complete term: CHAIRMAN OF SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION.

The Chairman of Literature becomes CHAIRMAN OF PROGRAM MATERIALS.

Promotion Reports become EVALUATION REPORTS.

School of Missions and Christian Service becomes: SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION.

Literature Headquarters becomes: SERVICE CENTER, BOARD OF MISSIONS, THE METHODIST CHURCH, 7820 READING ROAD, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Marie Pace, District Secretary

The Alexandria District had 10 members at Guild Weekend and from all reports—this was the best. All district officers except the secretary and secretary of literature were present and are now ready to put into practice what they learned.

We are having a meeting of executive group on October 31, 1964, with the missionary in our area and on November 1, 1964, a district meeting at Winnfield, La. HANDBOOKS and reports will be discussed.

Vacations are soon to be over and everyone will be back ready to go to work. The members are working on others becoming members. I wish to thank all Guilders throughout the State for your thoughts and prayers during my recent illness. I am fine now.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Gail Howard, District Secretary

The Baton Rouge District Wesleyan Service Guild had its annual Coaching Conference for local officers on July 19, 1964, at 2:30 p.m. at the Hammond Methodist Church. The District had as its guest, Miss Arline Tyler, our Conference Secretary, to lead the clinic on Presidents and Vice-Presidents. Arline talked with us about the changes in the office of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents and also the changes in the structure of the Guild. This was very interesting and informative since the Baton Rouge District was not able to have very many people to go to Guild Weekend.

Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary relaxes as she waits for the evening program at Guild Weekend.



Arline had Grace Johnson, one of the Guilders at Noel Methodist in Shreveport, to come with her so that she would not have to make the trip alone. Arline and Grace came to Baton Rouge on Saturday afternoon and Saturday we went to a barbecue at Emma Mainous' house given by the Emma Mainous Guild honoring Joyce James. We had a very good time and enjoyed meeting all of the members of the Emma Mainous Unit. Arline and Grace stayed at the Bellemont for the weekend. On Sunday they went to church at North Baton Rouge with some of the Guilders from that church. Emma Mainous, Gail Howard and Beth McKnight ate dinner at the Bellemont with Arline and Grace, and then we all traveled to Hammond together for the Coaching Conference. The members of the Baton Rouge District enjoyed having Arline and Grace and we were glad that they came to be with us in our District Coaching Conference.

The Baton Rouge District had eleven members to attend Guild Weekend in Shreveport. I was very sorry that more of our members could not attend as this was a very enjoyable weekend as well as very informative to the officers of the District and the local officers that were able to attend. I hope that next year we can take about three times that number with us.

The district meeting for the Baton Rouge District will be held in Ponchatoula on September 13, 1964. We will have a Missionary Hour, presentation of Honorariums to the retiring district officers, and a general business session. This meeting should be very interesting to all of the units, since Emma Mainous, Chairman of Missionary Education is in charge of the Missionary Hour and all of the studies will be previewed.

NORTH BATON ROUGE: The North Baton Rouge Wesleyan Service Guild had its annual installation of officers on May 11, 1964, with Miss Lillian Kennedy, Chairman of Supply Work for the Baton Rouge District, as the Installing Officer. The service was held in the sanctuary and the social hour was held in the Library. The Guild has two District officers as members, they are Gail Howard, District Secretary, and Beth McKnight, District Recording Secretary.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. Louis (Lillian) Soileau, District Secretary

To: Guild Times

Guild Weekend was just perfect from my point of view. And I hope that many of the Lafayette District Guilders did remain for The School of Missions which followed. From Abbeville, Elizabeth Ann Carter; Houma, Alice Crenshaw, and Inez Hurst; Lafayette, Eva Lee, Cornelia McCants, Ruth Patterson, Martha Simonton, Mary Simonton, Hermine Tate, and Effie Whittington; New Iberia, Ernestine Briley, Helen Hobart and Corine Hedburg; and Opelousas, Myra Byrd, Dorothy Dunbar, Hattie Childs, Marilyn Carter and Lillian Soileau were registered, all were seen in meetings or on the campus. Crowley and Rayne we missed you. With all these changes coming about we will have to really get down and do some studying to keep informed.

Our own Maree White attended Jurisdictional Weekend on Mt. Sequopah in June, having been elected to attend at our Spring meeting in Lafayette in March. Her absence at Centenary



College was noted.

To date I have received five out of seven Treasurers' reports due July 20th. I am sure that the other 2 were sent out to the other channels but I failed to get my copy. Keep up the good work.

Do you know that—there will be only four handbooks: HANDBOOK ON WOMAN'S SOCIETY, HANDBOOK ON WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD, HANDBOOK ON FINANCE, HANDBOOK ON PROGRAM? And these will be available in September?

Thanks to each of you for your notices and interest. May each of us strive to carry the LIGHT high so that we ourselves do not cause the Shadow as we WITNESS through Service.

God bless you,  
Lillian Soileau

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Laura Lynch, District Secretary

The summer months have witnessed a "slowing down" in Guild activity. However, in spite of this several units have sent in fine Treasurers' reports. The reports for the Second Quarter will be better I'm sure.

The sixteen Guilders who were able to attend Guild Weekend had a wonderful time. I'm sure each one returned to her local unit filled with enthusiasm and plans for promoting a more complete program of work.

Mrs. Lena Sweeney and Mrs. Wanda Rhorer of University Church, Lake Charles, Mrs. Katella Russell of First Church, Lake Charles, Miss Velma Lea Hair, District Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, Gueydan, Mrs. Gertrude Kilman, De Ridder, Miss Grace Lawson, Conference Chairman of Program Materials, Welsh, as well as Laura Lynch, District Secretary attended the School of Missions and the Guild Clinic at Centenary College August 2-6.

Plans have been made for a Coaching Conference on September 20, 1964, at the First Methodist Church in DeQuincy. Your District Secretary is expecting 100% attendance of officers from the Guilds of the District. Will each officer put forth a special effort to be there?

The Guilds of our District are looking forward to the visit of Miss Maryruth Nickels who will be working with Church groups to promote more complete programs of work.

Mrs. Rosa McCullough, a member of the Susie Jones Unit, DeRidder, has been chosen Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation for the District. She replaces Mrs. Alberta Salmons, who resigned due to ill health.

The Susie Jones Guild began its new year with the installation of officers on June 16. Mrs. Staples, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, seated the following officers, using the Mary and Martha theme of Service and worship.

President—Mrs. Louis Blankenbaker

Vice-President—Mrs. Clyde Gehron

Treasurer—Mrs. Raymond Cole

Recording Secretary—Mrs. S. W. Spell

Secretary of Membership Cultivation—Miss Reine Beenvenu

They report three new members, 100% subscription to Guild Times, two memorials to the Organ Fund in memory of Mrs. H. J. Cagle and Mrs. Fred Johnson. The July 21 meeting was a supper meeting with eighteen members and one visitor present. Rosa McCullough showed slides of Guild Activities including meetings at Lafayette, Camp Brewer, and Hodges Gardens.

The Leesville Guild which has held two meetings each month since its organization have tried monthly meetings during June, July, and August for the past two years. Recently, they voted to resume the two monthly meetings due to poor attendance and a lag in interest activity.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mrs. Milton C. (Louise) Baldridge, District Secretary

A chartered bus left New Orleans Friday, July 31st, for Guild Weekend at Centenary College, with thirty-three Guild members and four members from the Woman's Society of Christian Service aboard. The weekend was wonderful. The program was excellent and the change was most acceptable. Congratulations to the program committee!

There were only three Guild members who were able to remain for the School of Missions. This was a most informative and stimulating week, one we shall long remember.

We are preparing for the "Coaching Conference" which will be held at First Methodist Church on September 20th.

The study "Spanish American" will be presented in October.

The District Retreat will be held at Dielmann Center, Waveland, Miss., on October 24th and 25th. Mrs. Carl Lueg will be our leader.

CARROLLTON—Helena Kuntz, reporter: The Guild has met and planned the program for the year. We have increased our pledge to missions and are using the Gift Boxes to help meet this pledge. One of our members, Katie Cook Church, and her husband recently entertained the Guild at a house warming in their new home. Wedding Bells rang for Grace Miller, daughter of a guild member, Elizabeth Miller, on August 27th, the Guild did the catering.

MUNHOLLAND—Anne Goetz, reporter: Special membership pins were presented to Jerry Wier and Myra McClung in appreciation of their outstanding and untiring work for the Guild and church. An extra \$100.00 was sent undesignated to Missions. The new officers were installed by Dorothy Blanchard. We were represented at Guild Weekend by: Blanche Wade and Myra McClung. All committees are busy planning their programs for the new year.

FIRST METHODIST—Marguerite Walls, reporter: Installation of officers and a pledge service was held at our May meeting. Special membership pins were presented during the summer months to Nora Tipton, Eleanor Goodman and Maude Ferguson. Four members attended Guild Weekend.

PARKER MEMORIAL—Margaret Young, reporter: Prayer partners were chosen at the August meeting. Four members attended Guild Weekend.

ST. BERNARD—Pauline Colburn, reporter: Guild members served breakfast to forty young people from Opelousas who were on a tour which included the city of New Orleans. Five members attended Guild Weekend.

RAYNE MEMORIAL—Sarah McCarty, reporter: Five members attended Guild Weekend at Centenary College. It was a wonderful meeting and was enjoyed by all.

SLIDELL—Betty Dossett, reporter: Our Guild had a "shower" for the girls at the Methodist Home Hospital at the July meeting. Gifts of stamps, money, shampoo, dusting powder, etc., were delivered to the Hospital for the girls. The program committee has been very busy making plans for the new year.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Sue Batton, District Secretary

In our June issue of Guild Times we stated our pledge to Missions for the 1964-1965 year was \$2,367.00. This was in error. It should have been \$2,467.00. We now have ten Units to increase their pledge to meet this increase.

It was good to see so many Guilders from our district at Guild Weekend at Centenary College. Our Conference Secretary and her very able committee certainly did do a magnificent job, and I am sorry all, or more, from our district did not attend.

We have a lot of changes in our work, and especially in "terminology" I urge you to subscribe to The Methodist Woman and World Outlook, also Guild Times, not only subscribe but read and study them so you can be up-to-date on the new changes, not only in our Guild work, but the work of the Methodist Church.

Miss Maryruth Nickels, Field Worker, Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church will be in our district in October, to be more explicit, October 24th, and will meet with some Guild Units in Minden, also with some Guild Units in Farmerville from the eastern part of our district. Further information will be sent out later. The purpose of her visit is to help Units and the Church in problems they might have.

Our Guild Workshop will be held in September.

Many of our Units are busily engaged in the preparation of study courses, and working out programs for 1964-1965. I think our program book for 1964-1965 is superb, and has been very carefully prepared to meet our needs. It furnishes material for some very excellent programs. Don't forget to use the suggested tools with it.

Our last report showed an increase of 32 members in our district. If your Unit has not put on the 25th Anniversary membership campaign, please ORGANIZE and do so immediately. Our slogan is "each one win one".

Please don't forget to subscribe to Guild Times, and send your \$1.00 to Elizabeth Langford, Editor, Monroe, Louisiana. It will make her very happy, as well as your district secretary.





Hermine Tate and Ruth Vegas.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

### Sybil Kelly, District Secretary

Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. Gertrude Taylor, Mrs. Ruby Phillips, Mrs. Rita Keoun, Mrs. Mary Givens, and Miss Sybil Kelly represented the Shreveport District at the Jurisdiction Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah on June 19-21. We will have much to tell you in the coming months of the things we learned.

July was a very busy month for me. I visited Mansfield, Plain Dealing, First, Noel, Mangum, Unit I, Summer Grove, Wynn, and Zwolle. I enjoyed meeting with each unit and I am looking forward to visiting the other units as soon as possible.

The district committee met in July to complete the plans for the Guild Weekend. All units were reminded of their duties for the weekend. Because of the dedicated service of all of you, we had an outstanding weekend. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Ruby Phillips and her committee for the excellent job done with registration. Over fifty attended the weekend from Shreveport District.

Many Guilders attended the School of Missions at Centenary. The Guild workshop was led by the Conference Secretary, Miss Arline Tyler. We will be having a coaching conference in the early fall.

The Shreveport District is looking forward to the visit of Miss Maryruth Nickels from the Woman's Division. She will be in our conference to help us, but we will have to do plenty of follow up work if we receive any good from her visit.

Plans are being made now for the spring meeting which will be held in Shreveport in March. We hope many are planning to come and attend the meeting.

## MRS. ALVIN SANDEFUR AGAIN HONORED

We like to hear about outstanding achievements of our Louisiana Guilders. The *Bunkie Record*, August 13th, devotes the column "Bunkie Personalities" to a lengthy review on the achievements of our own Bee Sanderfur who, for the second time, was awarded the winner in the State Citizenship Award, presented by the Louisiana Association of Accredited Cosmologists.

The article concludes with "Mrs. Sanderfur is certainly a credit to Bunkie and the town is a better community to live in because of persons like her". May we add that Louisiana Guildom is equally proud of the dedicated service that Bee has so unselfishly given to our program in local, district and conference Guild work. Congratulations, Bee. We, too, are proud of you.

After reporting on the registration of a record attendance of 209, Ruby Phillips called for an attendance record of former Guild Weekends. We found out that Grace Lawson and Minza Rabun held a perfect record of having attended ALL EIGHTEEN Guild Weekends; Dorothy Dunbar and Ruth Guthrie—SIXTEEN; and Irene Black has not missed in the last FIFTEEN. A show of hands revealed that 42 were present for the first time.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. M. W. (Janie) Phillips, District Secretary

The Monroe District was proud of its twenty-six delegates attending the Guild Weekend. We will further the benefits gained when the District conducts its Fall Coaching Conference at beautiful Camp Chemin-A-Haut State Park on September 26-27. Each president will receive specific information and directions. Our program will begin Saturday afternoon with registration and conclude after dinner on Sunday. Any Guild officer that cannot register for the entire program is urged to come either Saturday or Sunday for whatever length of time she can attend. BUT we want, very much, for every Guild officer in Monroe District to have this opportunity and fellowship.

We are most fortunate in having our Conference Secretary Arline Tyler as our guest and resource person on the program. Others who will assist are our own Agnes Miller, Minza Rabun, Ruth Guthrie and Virginia Ward. Marilyn Hudson, District Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation will direct our worship. The Mer Rouge Guild will cater the meals.

NOTE: Your editor has assisted Janie with her district report as she has been at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Frances Pratt of Eldorado, Arkansas, for several weeks. Mrs. Pratt passed away September 8th. Janie was ill for several weeks prior to her sister's illness. Janie, you have our sincere sympathy in your bereavement. The Editor

## MISSION BANK OPENED QUARTERLY

The Gift Box, otherwise called the Mission Bank, has been introduced into the Unit 1, First Methodist—Monroe Guild with enthusiasm. They decided to open their Boxes quarterly at a planned devotional period. At the September program and business meeting Gloria Bennett read the following poem:

*The money dropped in your Gift Box  
In your pocket won't make a dent,  
But think of the good it can do for others  
When in mission work it is spent.*

*You have good reason to be thankful  
Say, for each day the sun shines bright.  
But even when storm clouds gather  
God will make everything right.*

*Place a penny a day for your blessings  
And soon your Gift Box will o'erflow.  
We'll meet our 25th Anniversary Goal  
And to missions our love fund will go.*

Even though several forgot their Boxes the gifts totaled \$40.00. A good beginning, considering the summer vacation-time attendance!

We would like for other Guilds to report the way in which they observe the opening of their Mission Banks.

## 1964 SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

A number of Guild members remained at Centenary College to attend the School of Missions. Their report of 22 registered for the Guild Clinic represented six of the eight districts. The agenda included the emphasis for the 1965 Coaching Conference, climaxing in the planning of the agenda to recommend to the districts for their coaching conferences. It was conducted on the group work plan with every person participating and contributing, or having the opportunity to do so. This is especially recommended for the district Secretary to use. Mrs. Russell Henderson a member of the Division Guild Committee, was the resource person for one session and was most helpful.

The following were registered by districts: Baton Rouge: Emma Mainous, Oneida Duncan, Ruby Fast, Evelyn Weeks; Lafayette: Olive Hartwell; Lake Charles: Grace Lawson, Velma Lea Hair; Laura Lynch, Mrs. W. E. Kilman, Wanda Rhorer, Katella Russell, Lena Sweeney; Monroe: Agnes Miller, Irene Nelson; New Orleans: Mildred Evans, Louise Burleigh, Opal Looby, Ruth Vegas; Shreveport: Arline Tyler, Sybil Kelly, Mildred Kee, Pauline Rogers and Virginia Wren.

## IN MEMORIAM

Members of the Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guild extend heartfelt sympathy to our Guild members whose loved ones have passed away.

The Mother of Mrs. Emma Pattillo, Haughton Guild; The Father of Mrs. Sybil LeNoir, Broadmoor Guild, Shreveport; The Sister of Mrs. Janie Phillips, Mer Rouge . . . and others whose names are not listed here.



## VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

E. T. C. M. Hospital  
Kolar, Mysore State, India

Dear Friends:

So many changes and new things in Kolar during these past six months. Before I left last October, the ground was broken for a bungalow right in the front corner of the compound and the foundation was started. This building is now almost completed and will be ready for occupancy within the next couple of months. One of our big needs has been housing for married staff. There have been instances when staff could not be taken because of no housing. So one of the projects now underway is the building of some bungalows and duplex bungalows which will help to relieve this problem. As soon as possible a duplex bungalow is to be started and then just as quickly as money is available others will follow with locations around the compound just within the wall.

As many of you saw my pictures of our work in Kolar when I was home you may remember the picture of our workshop crew including John Wesley, blacksmith and James, carpenter. The background of that picture was an open shed which was the workshop. On arrival in Bangalore, before I even got to Kolar, when I returned, Mr. Ayappa handed me an invitation to the dedication and opening of the new workshop! Such a nice building! There is now adequate space for work and protected storage space for materials and tools. There is an interesting connection between the building of the Maternity Block several years ago and the new workshop. In the Maternity Block it was thought that if we made large private rooms now, we could also provide a push-up wall across the middle which could later divide the space into two rooms if more rooms were needed. The contractor got the doors and installed them. Then when we went to inspect them, they were huge roll-up metal doors such as we might use for garage doors, etc., at home. Not only were they too heavy for our small nurses to push up and down but they made an awful screeching racket as they were pushed up and down. Well, these doors, needless to say, came right out of the maternity building immediately. So far we have not had need to divide the private rooms into two, and if we do we will do it with curtains. As these doors came out of that building, Mr. Ayappa made the comment that they would be just the thing for a new workshop. And now, at last, the new workshop has been built, dedicated, and our workmen are happily installed in it. The dedication of this workshop occurred on the second evening after my arrival back home in Kolar and of Jean's visit. It was followed by a dinner for all of the hospital family—nurses, hospital staff and maintenance staff—and some invited guests at the school of nursing Staff Quarters. This was then followed by another welcoming and garlanding for Jean and me by the Official Board of the Kolar Church and Hospital also. It was also the occasion for farewell to our pastor, Mr. Solomon, and the welcoming of a new pastor and his family, Mr. Samuel. After this we were entertained by a variety show presented by the nurses and hospital staff.

One of the biggest improvements has to do with communications. The telephone is a very recent acquisition for us here at the Hospital. It was only in 1956 that a telephone was first installed in the hospital itself. Before that, any telephoning that had to be done had to be done at the electric power house for the city. Two years after I came to Kolar we got a second telephone on the compound and in the bungalow. This was in 1961 and was a big help. Early in 1963 a third telephone was sanctioned for Administrator's office and in March, 1964, a fourth telephone was fixed at the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre to give more help on communications. However, our compound is quite large, our buildings are numerous and scattered and part of our staff are housed on the school compound a mile away. This has meant a lot of wasted time and effort expended by our nurses between places and has sometimes meant a lapse of from 30 minutes to an hour before an urgent or emergency call could be answered, especially at night. So Mr. Ayappa has been working for sometime on some system of internal communication and just before I left last fall he received permission from the Government for the installation of 100 telephone internal-communication network. We now have nearly 50 telephones installed in the hospital compound, with other outlets available so that telephones can be taken from offices to bedrooms at night. This is a tremendous help so that the nurse or doctor on duty can call for additional help directly instead of writing notes

In the amphitheatre —  
enjoying themselves!



and then walking across the compound to wake someone up to come. Now Mr. Ayappa is working on the installation of the telephone wires and connections to the quarters of other staff who live on the school compound. As all these telephones are for internal communication only, no one can be disturbed by outside extraneous call at all hours. We still have the four original outside telephone lines for outside calls, Kolar 5 for the Hospital, Kolar 50 for the Bungalow, Kolar 69 for Administrator's office and Kolar 78 for Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

I'm sorry I cannot give an up-to-the-minute report on the well and pump project at this time. I had time only to talk to Mr. Ayappa a few minutes and we did not go into this. He only told me that a number of gifts had arrived for the well and pump and that work will be begun just as soon as possible on this. I'll tell you more in my next letter.

And now, I believe these are the major improvements, except for a new garage to house the new ambulance. There are more plans and other things beginning so that I'm sure that next time there will be other things to tell you about as well.

With all best wishes to each one, and

Blessings on thee,  
Vela

## YOUR GUILD TIMES EDITOR SAYS . . .

. . . I really don't want to write this report tonight. Tomorrow the printer will give me the final proof on your September Guild Times. So I must tell you "about subscriptions". First, let me thank the 74 Guilds that have sent in 560 subscriptions, and especially 3 Guilds who are 100%—Susie Jones Guild, De-Ridder; Munholland No. 1, Metairie; and Gueydan Guild. Our Goal of 800 subscriptions may be reached if the 34 Guilds that are late sending in subscriptions will do so.

. . . This issue is being sent to those whose renewal has not come in, hoping that the reminder enclosed will be forthcoming. \$1.00 is now due.

. . . Although your editor knows this report is incomplete, here it is to date by Districts: Alexandria: 6 Guilds—32 subscribing; Baton Rouge: 9 Guilds—80 subscribing; Lafayette: 6 Guilds—41 subscribing; Lake Charles: 10 Guilds—112 subscribing; Monroe: 13 Guilds—112 subscribing; New Orleans: 13 Guilds—81 subscribing; Ruston: 5 Guilds—27 subscribing; Shreveport: 12 Guilds—71 subscribing. Out of State—6. Total 560 from 74 Guilds.

. . . Eagerly looking forward to hearing from you.

Your Editor—  
Elizabeth Langford

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MRS. GLENN LASKEY

We lovingly dedicate this issue of Guild Times to our own Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey of Ruston, Louisiana, the newly elected President of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. Since her election a few months ago the announcement has appeared in all of our religious magazines and many secular publications, together with accounts of events in which recognition has been paid to her for this distinct honor, conferred upon a dedicated leader, as she steps into the highest woman's office in Methodism.

Indeed, the Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guilds are proud to claim Mrs. Laskey as along with her many, many duties in past years, she has so ably represented us on conference, jurisdiction and division boards and committees.

As we listened to her address at our Spring Meeting in Lafayette in "Summons to a New Day" we did not then know that one who spoke with such enthusiasm would be the one at the helm to guide us in The New Purposes for a New Age.

The November issue of The Methodist Woman gives an account for your reading. Of course The Louisiana Methodist has reported several events honoring Mrs. Laskey. Our Conference Secretary, Miss Arline Tyler, attended the Mid-year meeting of the Louisiana Conference W.S.C.S. officers in Ruston, at which time Mrs. Laskey was the honoree.

Our Spring Meeting at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, in March, will be most fortunate to again have her bring us an address. You will want to hear her.

We like this snapshot of our "New President" taken last summer at Mt. Sequoyah and sent to us by our Recording Secretary, Maree White.

## ALL PATHS LEAD TO SHREVEPORT IN MARCH

14th Annual Spring Meeting of  
Louisiana Conference  
Wesleyan Service Guilds  
March 13 - 14, 1965  
At The Broadmoor Methodist Church

THEME: "Go Ye Therefore"

Headquarters at Captain Shreve Hotel

### SUNDAY, MARCH 13:

- 10:00 Registration—Lobby Captain Shreve Hotel  
Committee Meetings—Colonial Room
- 1:00 Registration continues at Broadmoor Church
- 1:45 Afternoon Session Opens
- 3:15 Address—Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, President of the Woman's Division
- 6:00 Dinner—Crystal Ball Room—Washington Youree Hotel
- 8:00 Evening Session—Broadmoor Church  
Address—Mrs. A. R. Marquardt, President of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service

### SUNDAY, MARCH 14:

- 7:00 Breakfast—Lake Room—Captain Shreve Hotel
- 8:30 Morning Session
- 10:00 Adjournment
- 10:50 Worship Service—Broadmoor Methodist Church
- 12:15 Buffet Luncheon

REGISTRATION—\$6.50 includes Saturday evening Dinner and Sunday Morning Breakfast. The Program Chairman, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Conference Christian Social Relations Chairman, and her committee have anticipated every detail. The District Secretary, Miss Sybil Kelly, capably assisted by the General Chairman Mrs. Ella Price and Co-Chairman Miss Aline Hyslop with Local Unit Chairmen, have made all arrangements for your pleasure and comfort.

Miss Arline Tyler, our efficient Conference Secretary, will preside at all business sessions. We will have with us our President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. G. W. Dameron.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, newly elected President of the Woman's Division, will speak to us on Missions Saturday afternoon and Mrs. A. R. Marquardt, President of the South Central Jurisdiction, will speak on Saturday night. Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Lafayette, will bring us the fellowship message.



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

## GREETINGS:

As I pen this message to you, we are in the height of the Christmas Season with its expectancy, joy, love, hope and faith. May the spirit of this Blessed Christmas linger with each of you throughout the New Year is my wish.

The reports of the District Coaching Conferences brought a deep sense of warmth and joy to my heart. Every district held one reaching approximately 350 Guild members with our new purpose, new structure, new terminology, new evaluation forms. Such an experience will bring a new working power to the local units that will make this a most meaningful year of service.

Won't you let the New Year bring a keener awareness of the goals of our 25th Anniversary. They are: 1. outreach—increase in membership; 2. giving—increase in pledges through new pledges and special thank offering; and 3. recruitment—interpreting opportunities of service under the Board of Missions to the professionally qualified woman and to the young women in training and enlisting them. Let us in some special observance recall these 25 years' work with grateful hearts and pledge anew to work toward the full realization of these goals.

OCTOBER, 1964, will for many of us become synonymous with Maryruth Nickels. Her visit in our conference will bear fruit for many years in our personal living as well as our Guild work. We are grateful to her and that our conference planned this itinerary.

MID-YEAR MEETING of our conference Guild committee revealed a new zest and attitude within the districts. A special note from these reports point out increase in opportunities of training, in retreats and time apart experiences, cooperative planning with the local church and Woman's Society AND an evidence of concern in reaching the under 35 business and professional woman as well as the many who are moving into the status of employed woman. Let us with positiveness and faith continue to work and in due time the fruit of our efforts will be harvested.

SPRING MEETING: We now turn our thoughts to our spring meeting. We are most fortunate in having Mrs. Laskey, our newly elected President of the Woman's Division and Mrs. A. R. Marquardt, President of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society as our guest speakers. You will want to hear both of these. In this era of change, we dare to continue to change our program. We open our conference with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Because of the press of time, we will not have the Fellowship Tea; our pledge service will be on Saturday night; the 25th Anniversary will be observed at our Fellowship Dinner Saturday evening; our breakfast on Sunday will not be termed Quiet Breakfast but will bring our time of meditation and dedication. The report of the conference officers will be different. Come to the spring meeting at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 13-14, 1965 conference officially represented at this meeting.

Sincerely,

ARLINE TYLER  
Conference Secretary

## ATTENTION LOCAL PRESIDENTS

A packet from Service Center was mailed to you in September. In this packet, was a book form of Reporting for the local treasurer for 1964-68 (four years) and the forms for evaluation for this period. Will you please be sure your Unit has this packet? If we have the wrong name of president, incorrect address or other matters that need attention, please let me know. There will be no point in trying to get Evaluation forms for this period, but we really do need to clear the matter of treasurer report forms. I was confident each packet contained this, but I could have overlooked some. Please check and notify me promptly or write to SERVICE CENTER stating that this was not in your packet. Thank you.

Arline Tyler, 702 E. Washington, Shreveport.

OBSERVE GUILD MONTH WITH A JOINT PROGRAM WITH THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE.



ARLINE TYLER AND MARYRUTH NICKELS

## "TO HELP WOMEN GROW"

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Conference Presideent

Of all the changes that have come to our work during the current conference year, none is more significant than the new statement of Purpose which unites the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild under one common goal. This goal is not concerned, primarily, with lines of work, procedures, or organization, but with the basic need and aspiration of all women "to grow in the knowledge and experience of God, as revealed in Jesus Christ and to challenge them to respond to His redemptive purpose in the world". This places us under the responsibility of making our entire program of study, action, and giving contribute to the spiritual development of our members—as, indeed, of all the women of the church.

You will be interested to know that Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brunson, who served for ten years at Dulac Community Center, will be commissioned at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society—as a Home Missionary couple. This service will take place on March 11, 1965, at the First Methodist Church, in Shreveport, with Bishop Gerald Kennedy officiating. For a long time I have wanted the women of our conference to have the experience of sharing in a "Service of Commission". We are grateful that Mildred and Carl expressed the desire to be commissioned at our annual meeting and to claim Louisiana as their home conference. Since this service will be in the evening, I hope many Guild members in Shreveport and its environs will attend.

Elsewhere in Guild Times is a report from the Conference Treasurer. I hope you will read her statement with great care, and ask yourself if your gifts, and those of your guild unit, have been made in recognition of your Christian stewardship. The needs of our institutions and projects are constantly increasing, and "More than ninety-eight (98%) of the money the Division receives for appropriations to the mission program comes from conference society payments on Pledge to Missions" (Quote from HANDBOOK ON FINANCE, page 28). In addition there are the emergency needs, which no one can foretell, but for which the Woman's Division must seek to be prepared. I have just received a copy of a letter from one of our missionaries in the Central Congo. She tells of the losses suffered when the rebels took over Wembo Nyama—losses, which she had borne personally, out of her meager resources, twice before. She also tells how she and other missionaries are paying, personally, the guards who are trying to protect Woman's Division property. She appeals for financial help to buy books and materials TO BEGIN AGAIN the work she is giving her life to do. Can we do less than meet our pledge to missions?

Emphasis on a bold and creative approach to membership cultivation; continual presentation of the needs and opportunities of the professionally qualified woman (PQW); officer training for local and district guilds; functioning and well-trained committees on nominations—these are some of the concerns which must claim our attention as we work together toward the realization of our Purpose "to help women grow in knowledge and experience of God".





LOUISIANA CONFERENCE  
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD COMMITTEE

### *Your Conference Treasurer Says:*

NOVEMBER 28, 1964

YOUR CONFERENCE TREASURER REPORTS:

THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD PLEDGE TO MISSIONS FOR 1964-65 IS \$21,979.00.

AMOUNT PAID ON PLEDGE, FIRST TWO QUARTERS 1964-65.

ALEXANDRIA	\$ 742.34
BATON ROUGE	1,285.24
LAFAYETTE	642.65
LAKE CHARLES	1,105.49
MONROE	1,382.49
NEW ORLEANS	1,089.00
RUSTON	1,021.76
SHREVEPORT	1,130.10

TOTAL PAID ON PLEDGE \$8,399.07

Check the above figures and see how your district stands on pledge giving.

I am happy to report that since the launching of the observance of the 25th Anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, the Conference Society, for the first time, shows an increase on our pledge to missions in the amount of \$1,374.45. This increase is compared with the first two quarters of 1962-63, the year on which our 25% increase was based. I know you are as pleased with this report as I am.

As treasurers, we share the responsibility for the promotion of all givings, particularly special memberships, lenten offerings, thank offerings, Christmas offerings, in remembrance gifts, and in honor gifts. All of these are methods to help us secure additional gifts which will count on pledge. (The term additional gifts means the money we give above the individual pledge.) PLEASE PROMOTE THE ABOVE WAYS OF GIVING.

Let us use every opportunity to encourage the use of our "special mission banks" or the special plan for giving a penny-a-day above our pledges. If each member of the Woman's Society and Guild would give a little more—we will have no trouble in meeting our increase in pledge giving.

The needs are great—it is a challenge and a privilege to give our SERVICE, GIFTS and PRAYERS.

#### SUPPLY WORK

CASH FOR SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS FOR 1964-65.

#### FOREIGN:

Southern Asia, India	\$ 493.00
Magazine and Picture Fund	216.00

#### HOME:

Holding Institute, Laredo, Texas	1,457.00
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AMOUNT PAID ON CASH FOR SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS, FIRST TWO QUARTERS 1964-65.

#### FOREIGN:

Southern Asia, India	\$ 424.13
Magazine and Picture Fund	143.87

Margaret Wade Campbell	20.00
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#### HOME:

Holding Institute, Laredo, Texas	1,037.50
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When you have met your supply askings in FULL be sure to channel all additional funds to pledge giving.

Mrs. Carl (Hazel) Gallaher, Treasurer

## MEET MRS. A. R. MARQUARDT OF NEBRASKA

How eagerly we look forward to the 14th ANNUAL SPRING MEETING. Since our very successful meeting last year in Lafayette we have been learning much about the New Program. Guild Weekend in Shreveport last August got us off to a good beginning. Now the challenging theme "Go Ye Therefore" beckons EVERY UNIT in the conference to have representation. Only as we see our great organization from the conference level can we strengthen the unit in the local church. The local unit is the "heart-beat" that keeps alive the purposes of the Wesleyan Service Guild. But to know these purposes and receive the inspiration and instruction, we need to sit at the feet of those who are our leaders.

Let your editor introduce you to a charming personality! We are most fortunate to have as our guest speaker this year one who is not a stranger to those Guilders who have had the privilege of going to Mt. Sequoyah. It was my privilege to meet Mrs. Marquardt in the summer of '61 when she was President of the South Central Jurisdiction. In her quietness and dignity a Christ-likeness shines through her personality and you see in her another of God's workmen who is eagerly about her Father's business. The facts listed below merely tell you how she has climbed as she has given of herself in service. You, too, will want to know her and help welcome her into the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds.



MRS. A. R. MARQUARDT

Mrs. A. R. Marquardt, native Nebraskan, received B. S. degree, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska, and taught Commercial Art in High School prior to marriage. Has served the maximum of two terms on the Board of Trustees of her alma mater. Granted an Honorary Degree, Dr. of Humane Letters from same institution June, 1962.

Husband Assistant State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, U. S. D. A.

Member Trinity Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, and charter member of the Woman's Society. Served two years as local president, three years as a District officer in the Woman's Society and five years as a member of the Executive Committee of Nebraska Conference concluding with a term as President of Nebraska Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Served three times as a delegate to Jurisdictional Conference, a quadrennium on jurisdictional Traffic Committee, South Central Jurisdiction and presently a member of the Jurisdictional Council and Board of Missions.

In 1957 elected Secretary of Missionary Service in Foreign Fields where she served until elected President South Central Jurisdiction, WSCS, February, 1961. Thus she became a member of the Woman's Division and General Board of Missions.

Elected a delegate to General Conference, spring of 1964, and during same elected a member of the Co-ordinating Council of The Methodist Church.



## PROGRAM MATERIALS

Grace Lawson, Conference Chairman

Have you seen the new handbooks? All four of them are off the press and they should be in the hands of all Guild Officers as soon as possible! Every member should have a copy of our new Guild Handbook. All members of the program committee (officers and Chairmen of Lines of Work) should have the Handbook on Program. Officers and members of the Finance Committee will need the Handbook on Finance. A Handbook for the Woman's Society of Christian Service has replaced Guide, and should be in the hands of your Guild Executive Committee.

The Prayer Calendar for 1965 is now available. This 25th Anniversary Prayer Calendar contains many special features. Using the Prayer Calendar daily in connection with your personal devotions is a wonderful way to learn more about the mission work of our church, and to really have a part in this work. They are available from Service Center, Board of Missions, The Methodist Church: 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237. The Prayer Calendar costs sixty cents, and the Handbooks are fifty cents each.

Arrangements are still incomplete, but we are hoping to have these items and others available for you to buy when we meet in Shreveport in March.

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. C. G. Mainous (Emma) Conference Chairman

Our first reporting period is over. There was a great deal of confusion about the channeling of the evaluation report blanks. One District Chairman did not receive her blanks at all. As I reviewed the reports I was aware of the work we need to do on understanding the reports.

I am sure that all chairmen have their handbooks by this time. On page 36 of the "Handbook for the Woman's Society of Christian Service," you will find the suggested goals for excellence in study. Please note the minimum of 6 hours for study. The outgrowth from study is a very important part of our program. The Study and Action lists suggestions for outgrowth for all studies. The Committee on program, with prayerful study of these suggestions can bring the studies to a more meaningful climax.

Our handbook for Wesleyan Service Guild, page 37 lists the dates for reporting. I urge all District Missionary Education Chairmen to send a reminder to all local chairmen well in advance of the report due date explaining the importance of reports getting in on time or before time. It will be helpful if attention is called to any items that were not completed on previous reports or incorrectly completed. I am sure that the local chairmen would appreciate any help you give them.

May I urge you, please do not report studies that are not completed. All studies are to be reported at the next reporting time after the study is completed. By keeping a record that corresponds to the information on the report blank we should have a higher degree of accuracy in reporting. Do strive to have at least four sessions for all studies.

The following studies were reported as completed:

Alexandria	1
Baton Rouge	3
Lake Charles	3
New Orleans	2
Ruston	3
Shreveport	3
Lafayette	3
TOTAL COMPLETED	18

Hazel Dabney, in reporting to the Administrative Committee of the South Central Jurisdiction said: "Fall Festivals are the time of Harvest . . . reaping that which has been planted during the year . . . we have planned well and are proud of our harvest: For the Wesleyan Service Guild there is the priceless challenge of self-realization, growth in understanding, and Spiritual enrichment. We look forward to 1964-65 accepting the challenge of the New Purpose . . . that we grow as one in planning, in coordinating the entire program of study and action."

Won't you accept the challenge and make this the best year in the history of Wesleyan Service Guild?

ASK YOUR MINISTER TO PLAN A RECOGNITION OF YOUR GUILD AT ONE OF THE CHURCH SERVICES.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Marie Pace, District Secretary

The Alexandria District has held a very successful workshop at Winnfield, Louisiana, and it was used for training and explanation of the New Purpose and The New Age.

Mrs. Janice Richardson, Spiritual Life Cultivation, had charge of the devotion. We also used the WSCS on the program. Mrs. H. V. Dunford of Winnfield, and three of the WSCS members presented the New Purpose and Changes by making a dress. We next had clinics directed by the lines of work, Miss Bessie Rollo, Mrs. Ruth Allen, Mrs. Janice Richardson and Miss Louise Jones. They discussed the lines of work, the studies and had question and answer sessions. The highlight of the meeting was a report on the trip to the seminar by Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Conference Christian Social Relations Chairman.

A Panel was then presented on the meaning of Guild to each individual as well as what it means and does.

Of course, new reports had been received by most of the Guilds but all reports were not sent to the individual Guilds in the packets. Questions were asked about the new reports and answers were given as far as they could be given.

This conference was held on October 25, 1964.

On October 30, 1964, Miss Maryruth Nickels was with the executive committee and another member of each guild—5 guilds were represented with 12 in attendance. Miss Nickels explained the New Purposes, reports and recruitment to the members. This was held in the home of the District Secretary.

The Guilds in the district have been busy adjusting to the new programs and purposes. They have been active in their church work.

Our District Secretary of Supply, Miss Bessie Rollo, lost her brother, Willie W. Rollo on November 27, 1964. We have had serious illness in the district and ask for prayers for those throughout the Guild and Church we have and are ill. We pray you have a speedy recovery.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Gail Howard, District Secretary

The Baton Rouge District has been quite busy during the last few months. Some of our activities as a district are as follows:

Our Annual Fall Meeting was held on Sunday, September 13, 1964, with the Ponchatoula Guild as hostess. The meeting was attended by 66 members representing eleven units. The theme of the meeting was "To Study—To Know—To Grow—To Give". A devotional was given around this theme by Mrs. Betty Denham, Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation. The approved studies were presented by members who attended School of Missions. The Missionary Hour was under the direction of Mrs. Emma Mainous, Chairman of Missionary Education. The studies were given by Mrs. Ruby Fast, Mrs. Evelyn Weeks, Miss Sara Wadsworth and Mrs. Mainous. Miss Sally Fleming of the Agatha Flowers Unit at Istrouma sang "How Great Thou Art" as a closing prayer for the Missionary Hour and the meeting.

The District presented honorariums to two retiring District officers at the Fall Meeting. Miss Sara Wadsworth, retiring District Secretary, was presented with an engraved disc to attach to her life membership pin and was given a letter indicating that \$50 had been given to missions in her honor. Miss Gail Howard, retiring Recording Secretary, was given a life membership pin, engraved disc and a certificate indicating that \$25 had been given to missions in her honor. Both of these officers had served for two years.

On October 11, 1964, the Presidents, District officers and Woman's Society officers of the Guild committee met with Miss Maryruth Nickels at the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church for a training session. There were 25 persons present representing 11 units out of 17, and all benefited from this meeting. The Agatha Flowers Unit at Istrouma took Miss Nickels to church and then Mrs. Emma Mainous entertained them for lunch before the meeting at North Baton Rouge.

The Baton Rouge District held its Day Apart at Camp Istrouma on Sunday, November 8, 1964, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mrs. Betty Denham, Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Denham was the speaker for the morning session and Rev. Roy E. Mouser, pastor of the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church, was the speaker for the afternoon session.



The District is planning to have its Annual Citizenship Brunch on Sunday, January 17, 1965, at the Kentwood High School. The Kentwood unit will be hostess for this event. Mrs. Audrey Smith, Chairman of Christian Social Relations, and Gail Howard, District Secretary, are working on the details for this event.

The Spring Meeting will be held at Jefferson Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, on Sunday, April 4, 1965.

#### NEWS FROM THE UNITS:

**FIRST METHODIST, EMMA MAINOUS UNIT** — At the June meeting, Miss Nena Whittington, the unit's first President, was presented the first life membership. This was a high moment for her and the unit.

On July 18, 1964, Miss Joyce James, the outgoing President, was honored at a barbecue at the home of Mrs. Emma Mainous. Special guests at the barbecue were Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary; Miss Grace Johnson, Guildler from Shreveport; and Miss Gail Howard, Baton Rouge District Secretary.

On September 12, 1964, Miss Joyce James became the bride of Mr. William D. Kimbrough, Jr., at the Aldrich Chapel of First Methodist Church. Miss James is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Luster James of Baton Rouge. Miss James is the past president of the Emma Mainous Unit. They now reside in Liberty, Mississippi.

**NORTH BATON ROUGE** — The unit was hostess on October 11, 1964, for the training session of the District Officers, Presidents and Woman's Society officers of the Guild committee, held with Miss Maryruth Nickels, Field Worker from the Woman's Division.

The Guild has been selling candy to aid in a project of the local Church. They contributed \$100 as a "Thanks offering" on Thanksgiving Day at a special service.

**ISTROUMA, AGATHA FLOWERS UNIT** — Miss Sally Fleming, President, has moved to Longview, Texas, to study voice and do some college work as well as being employed on the college campus. After Miss Fleming left the city, Miss Ann Dance filled the vacancy created in the office of president.

**BOGALUSA, SARA WADSWORTH UNIT** — The unit formerly known as Unit I has been named Sara Wadsworth Unit in honor of one of its very competent members. They are proud and pleased to bear this new name.

A prayer group has been organized and they meet every Sunday night at 6:30. They have had very inspiring meetings.

Beginning in September this unit now has two meetings a month. They were to have a study in October and also have a full calendar for the entire year.

**PONCHATOULA UNIT** — The unit was hostess for the Fall Meeting of the Baton Rouge District Wesleyan Service Guild. This meeting was very well attended and very interesting to all in attendance.

On October 30, 1964, the Guild observed a Quiet Day of Prayer. Nineteen members went to the Church throughout the day for meditation and prayer.

Mrs. Frances Lee Saint and Mrs. Sybil Miller attended the Day Apart at Camp Istrouma on Sunday, November 8, 1964.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. Louis (Lillian) Soileau, District Secretary

I am most happy to report all 7 units sent in their Evaluation Reports. Thanks to all of you for your cooperation. However, I am sorry to report as a District we show a loss in MEMBERSHIP. As of May 31, 1964, we had 146 but on November 1, 1964, we had only 137. Two units showed a gain but the other five had losses to more than make up for the gain.

Due to circumstances beyond my control I was unable to attend the Conference meeting in Alexandria the first of November for which I am sorry to have missed. But many, many thanks to Marilyn Carter for representing me and bringing back information to me.

The following I lifted from a church bulletin of another faith. I have a copy on my desk—some of you might like to have one too.

#### SOME QUESTIONS I MIGHT ASK MYSELF

Have I sought the will of God today and acted accordingly?

Have I kept God in mind and heart?

Have I sought God in the quiet of prayer and asked for strength to do good?

Have I been patient, mature in judgment, kind to others?

Have I given good example by word and deed?

Was I industrious and conscientious in my work?

Was I friendly and courteous in my dealing with those who work with me, with my family?

Have I been pure in thought, word and deed?

Have I seriously attempted to improve on my failures and shortcomings?

Don't forget April 25, 1965, the tentative date set for your District Spring meeting in Rayne. Let's make this the BESTEST one yet. If you have any suggestions send them to me.

May God Bless each of you and yours abundantly as we go into the New Year.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Laura Lynch, District Secretary

The Lake Charles District Coaching Conference was held on September 20, 1964, at the First Methodist Church in DeQuincy. Twelve of the thirteen Guilds in the district were represented with approximately fifty people in attendance. Those serving as program leaders challenged and inspired all Guilders to strive for a more complete program of work.

It is with regret that we have to report the loss of the Westlake Guild. It is our hope that the loss is a temporary one.

Reports made in November showed an increase of twelve members in the district since the May reports. If your Unit has not had its 25th Anniversary membership drive please do so. Wouldn't that be a good way to observe Guild Month in January?

Miss Maryruth Nickels visited the DeQuincy Guild and with the District Executive Committee. She, also, met with the pastor and a select group of women from Henning Memorial Church of Sulphur for the purpose of organizing a Guild there.

She came to help us. She brought much information and inspiration to us, but we have much follow-up work to do if we are to receive any good from her visit. I am sure that no opportunity for that is being overlooked.

The Chairman of Missionary Education and Service reports that three Studies have been completed. Thirty-three persons attended these classes with twenty-five in regular attendance. Two classes maintained minimum goals with nineteen people involved. Greater interest in this area is evident according to information received.

Nine Guilds observed Week of Prayer and Self-Denial in October. Six Units cooperated with the Woman's Society in Program meetings.

The new handbooks—four in number—are now available. If you do not have yours, please order them soon. They are a "must" for every unit.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. M. W. (Janie) Phillips, District Secretary

The Monroe District held its work shop at Chemi-A-Haut State Park the last of September. Approximately forty members attended.

Miss Arline Tyler was a guest participant on the program and brought many valuable suggestions to the group. The interest was high, and everyone went home with renewed vigor and determination to work diligently for a larger and better Guild.

The Mer Rouge unit catered for the workshop on Saturday and Sunday. Their organization, service, and good food drew comments from the entire group. Their cheerfulness and good humor permeated the entire group.

It was good to get so many reports the last time. Perhaps all will understand more about it next time. Remember, they can be done properly only when all the officers work cooperatively in compiling them.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year!

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Louise (Mrs. M. C.) Baldrige, District Secretary

The District Coaching Conference "Summons to a New Age" on September 20, 1964, was enthusiastically received, the changes, terminologies, leadership and programming were a challenge to every woman present. We closed with "Interpretative Art in Motion" presented by a capable dance instructor. It was new, exciting and interesting. The evaluation of this coaching conference was very good.

Maryruth Nickels was a joy to our district. Three meetings were planned with the Guild and Woman's Society of Christian Service. The District President of the Woman's Society, Mrs. R. R. Cahal and I met with these ladies. Maryruth was enriching, stimulating, very inspiring and informative. We feel that much was accomplished.



The District Spiritual Life Retreat was held at Dielmann Camp, Waverland, Miss., October 24 and 25. It was a weekend of meditation, spiritual growth, prayer and listening to God. The District President of the Woman's Society, Mrs. R. R. Cahal and the District Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Manis were with us. Mrs. Carl Lueg was our very capable and fine leader. The very lovely Worship Center was designed by Mrs. Opal Looby. All plans were made by our District Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. Dorothy Blanchard.

The Covington and Slidell Guilds held a joint meeting at the home of Mrs. Jean French in Covington, Monday November 16th., Mildred Evans, Violet Jackson and I attended. It was a wonderful meeting, an outstanding program, and well attended. Mrs. Irving, wife of the pastor of the Covington Methodist Church was with us.

CARROLLTON — Helen McHahon, reporter: We have completed the study "Church's Mission Among New Nations, as a result of this study funds were sent to the American Bible Society. The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial was observed on October 30th. Mrs. Gene Stroupe, Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation planned this meeting. We held our annual dinner and bazaar on November 19th. It was well attended and we feel that it was a success.

FIRST METHODIST — Marguerite Walls, reporter: The Guild was host to the District Coaching Conference held at the church in September. Five members attended the Retreat. We are busy making plans for the 140th Anniversary of First Methodist Church to be held on December 6th.

MUNHOLLAND — Anne Goetz, reporter: All members receive Guild Times, plus three gift subscriptions. Our Guild is now a member of the "Thousand Club". We presented a skit, "Program Committee at Work" for the District Coaching Conference; thirteen members attended, seven members attended the Retreat in October. We are planning for our "Methodist Mission Study" which will be held in January.

PARKER — Margaret Young, reporter: Six members attended the District Coaching Conference, two attended the Retreat. The "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" was observed on October 29th., a program on missions was presented.

ST. BERNARD — Pauline Colburn, reporter: We are very happy to report that \$103.00 was presented to the Parsonage Committee to help replace some needed furnishings; this was the proceeds from a spaghetti supper. Miss Maryruth Nickels was a blessing and a challenge to each of us. We are grateful to those who made her visit possible.

SLIDELL — Betty Dossett, reporter: The meeting held on October 26th. was a program in the form of a skit depicting "The New Purpose for a New Age". We welcomed a new member, Adele Croak, also attending was our coordinator, Mrs. Ella Nunez, Treasurer of the Woman's Society, Mrs. Carrie Pittman. The "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" was observed on November 12th. with the Woman's Society of Christian Service at the church. November 16th. the members will journey to Covington for a joint meeting with the Guild.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Sue Batton, District Secretary

I attended the Mid-Year Committee Meeting of Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild in Alexandria, October 31, November 1, 1964. Miss Maryruth Nickels was present and gave an Evaluation of her itineration of the Guilds in Louisiana.

We had a very successful Workshop and Coaching Conference in our District in October. All Units in the district represented except one. We also declared October 11, 1964, as "Virginia Laskey Day" in our district and made a gift to Missions in her honor.

Miss Maryruth Nickels, Field Worker, Woman's Division, was in our district on the night of October 22, also on Sunday, October 25. She contacted eight Units in the district and was very helpful. Gave us much information and inspiration.

Good reports coming in from the study of Genesis and the preparation of other studies.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and many of our Guild Units have organized and are working together in their visitation. They report some fine results both in fellowship and membership. Most of our Units agreed to increase their pledge to Missions, in fact all Units, but one. This is a very important part of our work, and I appreciate your concern.

We had twenty-four members present at the Conference Guild Week-end, which is very good.

The December, 1964, issue of the Methodist Woman has many fine and helpful articles, and I urge each Guild member in Ruston District to subscribe for this Magazine also the World Outlook, especially at this time when we have so many changes in terminology and as we enter into our new Quadrennium.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem  
Desend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today!  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Miss Sybil Kelly, District Secretary

Miss Maryruth Nickels, Field Worker, Woman's Division of Christian Service, spent three days working in our district. She visited Vivian, Haughton, Noel, Zwolle, Many, Logansport, and Coushatta. She also visited with Cedar Grove who does not yet have a guild unit. Mrs. Ruth Cowell Baker is a member of the Cedar Grove Church and we are looking forward to Ruth helping us in getting a unit organized. Mrs. Baker was the former Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

A very successful coaching clinic was held at the Morningside Church for the Shreveport District. Miss Sybil Kelly, District Secretary presided. The meeting was opened with prayer and then Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, gave an inspiring talk about the new purpose of the W.S.C.S. and Guild.

Miss Pauline Rodgers and Miss Virginia Wren, Noel unit, presented the program planning section. Many good suggestions were given for improving the programs.

Then we had the privilege of having the four studies presented. Doing an outstanding job of presenting the studies were Mrs. Sylvia Lightfoot, District Chairman of Missionary Education, Mrs. Gertrude Taylor, District Chairman of Christian Social Relations, Miss Adeline Durham, District Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Lillian Dupuy, Wynn Unit.

A summary of the coaching clinic was given by the District Secretary, Sybil Kelly.

Miss Elizabeth Ricks, District Chairman of Spiritual Life led the group in a beautiful commitment service to close the meeting. Forty-five attended the clinic with twelve units being represented. Mrs. Ruth Baker was a special guest.

After the clinic, delicious refreshments were served by the Morningside unit. The table was decorated with the Thanksgiving theme.

Mrs. Ruby Phillips, District Chairman of Literature and Publications, had ordered the new handbooks and other literature. She sold lots of literature from her very attractive display.

The district Guild banquet which will be held in January was discussed and the assignments given to each unit. Each unit has a duty to perform so that the Guild banquet will be a huge success. Lakeview Church will be the host church.

The Shreveport District has done a lot of planning and working to get ready for the Spring Conference. Assignments have been given to each unit. Mrs. Ella Price, Mangum, Unit I has been named as chairman for the conference. Miss Aileen Hyslop, First Church, has been named as co-chairman. Broadmoor Methodist Church will be the host church.

I am hoping that after Christmas I can start visiting the units again. I have been invited to visit with the Haughton unit on January 19. This is a good opportunity for me to get to know the members and I really enjoy doing it.

## IN MEMORIAM

### OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .

Mrs. Celeste Johnson, Bunkie Guild, in the loss of her husband, and her brother, Miss Bessie Rollo, Trinity Guild, Alexandria, in the loss of her brother. Mrs. Maurice Melancon, of Pineville Guild in the loss of her husband. The Oakdale Guild, in the loss of a member, Miss Myra Watson. Mrs. Janie Phillips, Monroe District Secretary, in the loss of her sister.

.....  
And sometimes though your heart can't smile  
Though dark the road you trod,  
You'll always find your way at last  
Because there is a God."



## VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

E. T. C. M. Hospital  
Kolar, Mysore State, India  
November 11, 1964

Dear Guilders and Friends:

Greetings to you once again. I hope this time I can get a letter to you before press time. Elizabeth is always so good to take excerpts from other letters or something if a letter from me does not get there. I am now very much back into the swing of things here. My desk is loaded down with scholarship correspondence and details which I am gradually getting under control. My own correspondence goes on piling up until I finally just have to take time off to answer it as much as possible—but please don't stop writing to me!

We are still growing with new buildings and yet so much more is still needed—administration block, children's ward! etc. The two newest additions are to previous buildings. An added room at the back of Children's Ward is for the bundles and possessions of mothers of children in the ward which thus releases space in the wards and makes for a tidier and easier ward to work in. The other is an addition to the side of the new Central Stores room added recently off the veranda at the back of the Hospital. This is for a store room for the Hospital Diet Kitchen. And, of course, still in the process of building is the extension on our Chapel. A few gifts from the States have come for this project but mainly this was started as a project from gifts within India. Our Chapel was originally a single seat around the walls. The new completed Chapel will be a cruciate shape and about double the floor space of the present Chapel. But, if we have benches or chairs in the new Chapel it will not double the capacity because benches or chairs take up more space than is needed when folks just sit on the floor, on mats. The next to come is another family bungalow, or duplex bungalow. A beginning on the digging for the foundation has been done.

We have a new member of our Hospital family. A Scots lassie from Dundee and Blairgowrie, Scotland. America has its Peace Corps and Britain has its Voluntary Service Overseas and Jean Leburn is a VSO who joined our staff in August for one year. She has cleared out, cleaned out, and reorganized our X-ray department into a more efficient working department and I'm sure we will continue to find that she has been a most valuable asset during her stay with us. One of our evening leisure time activities here is Scrabble and Jean is an avid fan and addition during these hours as well. We are all having to get acquainted with the British Chambers Dictionary now and she is having to get acquainted with our American Dictionaries too!

Such a variety of things we have here. I just looked out of the window to see a sunbird, with his yellow breast and purple back, light in the tree. Just beyond him are two big green parrots preening their feathers. They aren't there right now but most anytime a troop of monkeys might also come swinging down through the trees from the roof of the bungalow. Yesterday, one of the nurses saw a newborn lamb about two hours old in the compound and she came bringing it in her arms to show us. Such a clatter on the tile floor of the veranda as the mother sheep came baa-ing along behind.

And such a variety of things we do here. Of course, the main thing is to take care of our patients, and we have been overflowing with patients during these past few months, patients of all kinds. We try to help find husbands or wives for our young women or men—whichever it may be, we teach classes, we lead services, and so many things which are seemingly unrelated to being doctors. I've been teaching English to our first year students

again this year but have had a longer time to work with them. We have worked particularly on pronunciation, use of the dictionary, slower speech and better understanding of what is said. One exercise they have particularly enjoyed is choral reading. And, they have had an opportunity to perform twice which has thrilled them so much. I feel, too, that the important thing is they are less self-conscious about appearing before the others in performance and if this will just carry over into their contacts with the nurses and doctors on the wards it will have been very worthwhile. They are enjoying some fun reading right now and are also beginning to work on a long Christmas reading for a Chapel service near Christmas time.

And it is near Christmas time when you read this letter. And so to each of you may you have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Blessings on each of you,

Vela



VELA CLEVELAND AND BABY

P.S. In my general letter which is in the mail on the way to you I have told about our recent trip to Nepal and I want you to see our baby. Arrangements had previously been made for adoptive parents now in Nepal to take this baby born in our hospital. When he was four days old, Esther and I took him by plane to Kathmandu, with stop-overs because of no reservations. We had the baby four days before giving him to his new parents. Such happy, proud parents they were. When we were seemingly stuck in Calcutta with no immediate prospects for reservations, the parents anxiously came to meet us, but in the meantime we had gone to Patna where we again were delayed. So very unexpected to all of us, we actually met in the airport at Patna. Such excitement and happiness! When the question arises in the future, young Duncan's parents can truly tell him he came to them by airplane!

## HAVE YOU READ IT???

Have you read the Wesleyan Service Guild page in your November issue? If not, we suggest that you again pick up that issue and turn to pages 38-39. You will find some excellent listings of Guild Service Activities and Special Emphasis for the local unit. In the statistical Report for 63-64 you will discover that our South Central Jurisdiction is second on the list, with the Southeastern Jurisdiction leading. We do not know the comparison by conferences or membership.



## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

At the Mid-year Guild Committee meeting your Chairman was authorized to arrange for a Spiritual Life Retreat for the members to be held early in the New Year. I shall, again, be calling on you for your help and cooperation.

I hope that all of you observed "A Call To Prayer and Self-Denial" October 25-31, 1964 and that your spirits were lifted through your prayers and giving.

Prayer Calendar, 1965, may be ordered from the Service Center, Board of Missions, The Methodist Church, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237. Use of this calendar gives you opportunity for intercessory prayer in your daily devotions, prayer groups, and meetings.

World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 5, 1965, is the first Friday in Lent. The theme is "What Doth the Lord Require". Plan for its observance and begin this solemn and holy period culminating in Easter, not only asking, but seeking and finding "What Doth the Lord Require".

We hope all of you will be at the Annual Meeting in Shreveport, March 13-14, 1965.

My wish and prayer for all of you is that the rich blessings and happiness of Christmas will go with you into the New Year giving you a new life and hearts filled with love and peace.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur, Chairman



MRS. ALVIN SANDEFUR

Your reports for the first half of the year are in and they show more action, more thought and more dedication to the work. Let us go on with that work, there are so many phases and so much to be done.

The sharing of information and experience in social action, with a chance to confront and question leadership in several fields, was indeed a privilege for me while at the second National Methodist Conference on Christian Social Concerns, held in Washington, D. C., in October.

Nearly 500 conference and district leaders participated in the program. We sought to answer the theme question—"By what authority does the church involve itself in social action?" How I would like to talk to every Unit Chairman on this and on other phases of the quadrennial program. If I could tell you how we spent each afternoon in one of the several seminars aimed at providing information on issues and to share with you the answers to questions from leaders of our church, government and private agencies. Will you write me for any answers you may need on issues? If I can't answer it, I know who can and will.

And then I went on to the United Nations Seminar where we learned about how the U. N. works, how very much we need an agency of this kind and what will happen if it died. Also the beautiful church center just across the street where on the tenth floor we have our Methodist Office, just full of humming activity. Where on the first floor there is a beautiful Interdenominated Chapel, rooms for meetings and banquets, and even a cafeteria in the basement. One floor accomodates the National Council of Churches Offices.

While going through the U. N. Building I had the opportunity of purchasing UNICEF Christmas cards, beautiful cards, whose sales benefit the United Nations Children's Fund.

And may I wish you a wonderful Christmas Season. May God bless you and keep you—busy! 1965 can be good if you plan. Begin now, and have a planning meeting.

## MID-YEAR COMMITTEE MEETING

The Mid-year Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Guild Committee was held on Saturday and Sunday, October 31-November 1 at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary presided at the meeting. Every district was represented, with Miss Bessie Ross substituting for Miss Marie Pace, Alexandria District; Miss Marilyn Carter sat in for Mrs. Lillian Soileau—Lafayette District; and Miss Adeline Durham substituted for Miss Sybil Kelly of Shreveport District. Regrets were expressed that Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Mrs. Lee Tidwell and Mrs. Max Clayton—members on the committee from the Woman's Society of Christian Service—could not be present. Those who responded to roll call were: Arline Tyler, Maree White, Bee Sandefur, Emma Mainous, Grace Lawson, Mildred Evans, Dorothy Dunbar, Elizabeth Langford, Gail Howard, Laura Lynch, Janie Phillips, Louise Baldrige, Sue Batton, Estelle Dameron, Hazel Gallaheer, Kathryn Thomas, and Janelle McCammon.

Miss Maryruth Nickels, from the Woman's Division, was welcomed, and appreciation was expressed to her for the excellent contribution she had made to the Louisiana Conference as she visited each district and assisted in promotional work for Guild organizations during her itinerary in Louisiana.

## JANUARY IS GUILD MONTH

Your new handbook for the Wesleyan Service Guild — Page 23 — says "JANUARY IS GUILD MONTH. At this time the guild should be publicized and recognized in special ways. This is a good time for a joint meeting with the Woman's Society of Christian Service or a special event such as a tea."

Your guild has already made plans for special observances. Won't you let your district secretary know about it, so that we may have a report in the next issue of Guild Times. We have found that ministers and the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are always most willing to cooperate in presenting to the church the purposes of the Guild.

## FROM YOUR GUILD TIMES EDITOR

Your Guild Times is coming to you after the wonderful Christmas Season has passed and we open the pages of a New Year. There is much that has been said about how we should enter into another year on our calendar. But nowhere, except in the prayer that Jesus gave to his disciples, could we find a more appropriate prayer for each of us than in St. Francis—"A Simple Prayer":

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred . . . let me sow love,

Where there is injury . . . pardon,

Where there is doubt . . . faith,

Where there is despair . . . hope,

Where there is darkness . . . light,

Where there is sadness . . . joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not  
so much seek

To be consoled . . . as to console,

To be understood . . . as to understand,

To be loved . . . as to love,

for

It is in giving . . . that we receive

It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned.

It is in dying . . . that we are born to eternal life."

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## 25th Anniversary of Wesleyan Service Guilds Fittingly Observed at The 14th Annual Spring Meeting In Shreveport

In looking back just five years, the themes of our Spring Meetings have formed a sequence that has fittingly brought us to this high hour: "God Calls to Witness and Service" (1961) . . . "His Mission Unites Us" (1962) . . . "Called to be Disciples Sent to be Apostles" (1963) . . . "God's Work In Our Time" (1964) . . . and in observance of our 25th Anniversary at our 14th Annual Spring Meeting we have just been commissioned to "GO YE, THEREFORE".

With Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations, as Program Chairman, every detail of the weekend hosted by Shreveport District and Broadmoor Methodist Church gave direction to the theme "Go Ye, therefore".

Registration at Capt. Shreve Hotel on Saturday was capably handled by Mrs. Getrude Taylor and Miss Mary Bobbitt. Miss Sybil Kelly, District Secretary, with Miss Aileen Hislop as co-chairman, greeted the Guild delegates in the hotel lobby where registration took place.

Saturday morning the Conference Guild Committee met in executive session with Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, presiding. Dinner was served the Guild Committee with the Summer Grove unit in charge. Mrs. Lee Tidwell presented each member with a specimen camellia from her own gardens. Mrs. Tidwell had the honor of entertaining our guest, Mrs. A. R. Marquardt of Lincoln, Nebraska, during her stay in Shreveport. Both were guests at the executive dinner.

A change of program this year very fittingly opened the 14th session with Holy Communion at Broadmoor Methodist Church Saturday afternoon. Rev. Robert Crichlow was assisted at the altar by the District Superintendent, Rev. George Pearce and Rev. Foreman, Associate Minister.

During the business session, presided over by Miss Arline Tyler, the report of the committee on By-laws and Standing Rules was presented by the chairman, Miss Elizabeth Langford and adopted by the delegates. This report, as amended, will

be printed in the Conference Annual Report.

Special music was rendered by the Junior Choir of the Mansfield Methodist Church. Miss Jerri Beck, director of this very talented group of young voices, was former district secretary of the Shreveport District.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President of the Woman's Division and long a leader and advocate of Louisiana Guilders, inspired us with her message as she acquainted us with the future of our great program in missions.

The 25th Anniversary Dinner in the Crystal Ballroom of the Washington-Youree Hotel was beautiful in every appointment. Miss Grace Lawson, Conference Secretary in 1943-50 and now Conference Chairman of Program Materials, presided. During the program she reviewed the history of the Wesleyan Service Guild in Louisiana since 1940. Seated at the table with her and assisting in the program were past conference secretaries Mrs. Minza Rabun, Miss Sue Batton and Miss Arline Tyler. Mrs. Fred Shirley, accompanied by Mr. Bob Hallquist, delighted those present by singing a number of popular songs.

Saturday evening found the Guilders again at Broadmoor. We were fortunate that Mrs. A. R. Marquardt, past-president of the South Central Jurisdiction, accepted Bea Sandefur's invitation to be our guest speaker for the evening. In her charming manner she held our interest as she pictured the changing world before us. ". . . the wind of change is sweeping across the world . . . we need a world perspective . . . to help relate persons to God and to keep them in His presence and service."

And then came the Pledge Service, always a high point in a spring meeting. The Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, used the theme "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD". In beautiful and meaningful words the story of "how" our pledges would go was portrayed as each district secretary pledged for her district placing a miniature specimen before a "lighted" world.

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THE PLEDGE SERVICE — Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Fred Shirled, Soloist, Miss Maree White and the eight district secretaries.



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Dear Friends,

My heart floods with praise of the Master for His love and guidance in all things; and with thanksgiving for you and your contribution to the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild of our conference. With this guidance, the messages of our speakers, the work of the committees, and the spirit of all who attended our Fourteenth Annual Spring meeting will be a memorable one in the hearts of Louisiana Guilders. Thank you!

**LOCAL PRESIDENTS:** Your officers have been elected. You will receive, from your district secretary, the forms on which these are to be reported and where they are to be directed. Be alert to the arrival of these and give them your prompt attention, please. Also, will you please send name and address of your **CHAIRMAN OF PROGRAM MATERIALS** to: SERVICE CENTER, 7820 READING ROAD, CINCINNATI, OHIO 45237. This will facilitate the receipt of all materials and Evaluation forms for the year 1965-66. **IMPORTANT.**

**REGIONAL SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION, S.M.U., Dallas, Texas, June 7-11, 1965.** All conference officers and chairmen of Lines of Work are in the pattern of attendance. At present most of us plan to attend—pioneers in a first attempt at this.

**JURISDICTION GUILD WEEKEND, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark., June 18-20.** Our quota for the housing on the mountain is 15. This number includes your conference officers, chairmen of Lines of Work and elected delegates. This leaves room for others and those wishing to stay downtown may go in unlimited numbers. The cost for those staying on the mountain will be \$11 (Ground fee, ins., housing, 6 meals, registration). The cafeteria will provide meals for those staying on the mountain **ONLY.** Those staying off the mountain will send in \$1.85 (Registration, Insurance, Ground Fee). June 18: 1:30-5:30 P. M. will be **OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY GROUP** with first general session at 7:45 P. M. The closing session will be study "The Acts of the Apostles" at 9:30 A. M., Sunday, June 20th. As soon as I receive the Registration Blanks, I will send detailed information to the district secretaries. But clear the calendar and make plans to attend.

**CONFERENCE GUILD WEEKEND, CENTENARY COLLEGE, SHREVEPORT, Aug. 6-8:** plans are in the making. This, too, promises to be a new pattern. We hope you plan to be a part of it.

**CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION, Shreveport, Centenary College AUGUST 9-13:** Plans are almost complete—with outstanding leaders and opportunities for participation in many areas of interest and responsibility. I hope many of you can remain for this school.

**CLINIC FOR CHAIRMEN OF SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION, Alexandria, April 24th.** Leaders: Mrs. Matthews, Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation for the Jurisdiction and our conference chairman, Miss Mildred Evans. Please watch for detailed plans and information from Mildred. I urge every chairman that can attend to do so and other interested persons will register, also.

The 1964-65 year is almost over. Let us study our purposes and goals and evaluate our year and begin for an even greater year ahead. What have you done about **MEMBERSHIP**—new members and new units? Are there those under 35 that we are not reaching in our towns? What are we doing about them? Review your obligation to support the work through our pledge and cash for supply work. Let us **NOT** overpay our cash for supply work, but meet it. Through our pledge, through memberships (special), Thank Offerings, World Banks, Lenten Offerings and other ways, we can support the work. Some one will not hear the message of Love proclaimed—if we fail! Dare we do less than meet our obligations.

**NEW UNITS:** We rejoice in the organization of a unit of the Guild at Asbury in Lafayette with Mrs. Harvey J. Firestone as president; and a second unit at First Church, Shreveport with Mrs. Jennie Lou Ince as president. We hope these set up a chain reaction that will permeate every district and church. Our prayers and best wishes are with these leaders and their co-workers. Who will be next?

With every good wish to each of you as individuals and to all officers and units of the Wesleyan Service Guild as we **WITNESS** for Our CHRIST, I am

Sincerely,  
Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary



Miss Arline Tyler, (right) Conference Secretary, Miss Maree White (left) Recording Secretary

## 25th ANNIVERSARY . . .

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DISTRICT	SECRETARY	"GO"	1965-66 PLEDGE
Alexandria	Miss Bessie Rollo	(by plane)	\$ 2,065.00
Baton Rouge	Mrs. Gail Rountree	(by boat)	4,131.00
Lafayette	Mrs. Lillian Soileau	(by train)	2,057.00
Lake Charles	Miss Laura Lynch	(by bus)	3,423.00
Monroe	Mrs. Janie Phillips	(by bicycle)	3,539.00
New Orleans	Mrs. Louise Baldridge	(Radio - TV)	3,453.00
Ruston	Miss Sue Batton	(Bible)	2,797.00
Shreveport	Miss Sybil Kelly	(Candle)	3,453.00
TOTAL PLEDGED			\$24,918.00

As the pledge of \$24,918.00 was presented to the Conference President, Mrs. Fred Shirley sang "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" and then concluded the service with "The Lord's Prayer".

Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, presided at the breakfast hour Sunday morning and Mrs. C. R. McCammon, W.S.C.S. member of the Guild Committee, brought the meditation.

At the business session which followed Miss Elizabeth Langford, Editor of GUILD TIMES gave her report. Miss Langford stated that her resignation as editor had been accepted by the Guild Committee and that the next two issues would terminate her service of eight years as editor. She then reviewed the work of the joint committee on the future of Guild Times and the W.S.C.S. Conference News. The recommendations, adopted by the delegates, are printed in the editor's article on the last page of this issue.

The Chairman of Registration reported 186 registered delegates as follows: By districts — Alexandria — 12; Baton Rouge — 11; Lafayette — 11; Lake Charles — 15; Monroe — 33; New Orleans — 22; Ruston — 15; and Shreveport — 65. There were 91 voting delegates in the group, and a number of visitors who did not register.

The Corsages for Missions brought in \$127.00. The Special Offering for Missions totaled \$152.25 and was presented in honor of Mrs. Lee Tidwell in appreciation of her leadership throughout the conference and jurisdiction Guild work.

The delegates elected to attend the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah June 18-20 were Miss Sybil Kelly of Shreveport and Miss Elizabeth Langford, Monroe. Alternates: Mrs. Emma Mainous of Baton Rouge and Mrs. Bea Sandefur of Bunkie.

As the Conference Secretary, Miss Arline Tyler, brought her message to the delegates—she reviewed the year's activities in the Louisiana Conference. She challenged each local guild to a deeper interest—a closer look—and greater accomplishments in the coming year. She asked the delegates to "Go forth" from this experience and plant seeds that will produce better guilds, more local units and stronger Christian witnesses as we strive to make life more worthwhile.

As the Conference Secretary dismissed the 14th Annual Guild Weekend, busses were waiting at the hotel to take the delegates to Broadmoor Methodist Church to attend morning worship. Rev. Robert Crichlow, pastor, brought a wonderful message to the congregation and a warm welcome to the guests present. A buffet lunch was served to those who attended the service, then, homeward bound after again affirming that this was all together a "perfectly wonderful Guild Spring Meeting."

The following Resolution on Courtesies is just one way in which we recognize the very efficient manner in which Shreveport District Guilders hosted the weekend.



## COURTESIES COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Shreveport District, the Broadmoor Methodist Church of Shreveport, the Shreveport District Superintendent, Rev. George Pearce, to the Rev. Robert B. Crichlow, and to Rev. Brady Foreman, the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild extends appreciation for their spiritual guidance and helpful service.

To the Shreveport District Secretary, Sybil Kelly; the General Chairman, Mrs. Ella Price; Co-chairman, Miss Aileen Hyslop, and the many committees we extend our deepest appreciation for their careful planning and guiding our meeting throughout the weekend.

To Mrs. Alvin Sandefur and Conference Guild program committee we extend our thanks for their overall planning and selection of speakers for our program.

To all who appeared on the program especially to Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President of the Wcman's Division, Mrs. A. R. Marquardt, Member of the Board of Missions, and Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Representative of the Woman's Society on the Guild Committee, for their inspiring and challenging messages, we are grateful.

To the former Conference Secretaries and especially to Miss Grace Lawson for their presentation of the history of Guild in the Louisiana Conference.

To Mrs. Lona Wilson of the Methodist Public Relations office for her fine handling of publicity, we say thanks.

To Miss Jerry Beck and her Mansfield Youth Choir, Mrs. Fred Shirley, Mr. Robert Hallquist, Miss Kathy and Mr. Bryan Grubbs and their mother, Mrs. Ray Grubbs, Mrs. Marie Craig, and Miss Marilyn Segura we extend our appreciation for the beautiful music during our meetings.

To all who provided favors and especially to the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce and the United Gas Company for their cooperation in providing and printing the packets.

It has been said, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." With this in mind we wish to thank Mrs. Carl Gallaher for her dedication to her task, for compiling and presenting the Pledge Service.

To our own Conference Secretary Miss Arline Tyler we extend our special thanks for her guidance and leadership, and to Miss Maree White for her capable handling of her duties as Conference Recording Secretary.

Last but not least a very special thanks for the leadership and guidance of the Conference Woman's Society officers—Mrs. George Dameron, President, Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, and Mrs. B. F. Patterson.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mrs. Louis Soileau, Chairman,  
Courtesy Committee  
Miss Sybil Kelly  
Mrs. C. G. Mainous

March 14, 1965

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. C. G. Mainous (Emma) Conference Chairman

The Guild year is fast drawing to a close and I am looking forward to hearing from you again through your reports. These reports tell a thrilling story of accomplishment. I am sure with our new freedom in study there will be many interesting presentations of the studies.

Our handbook for Wesleyan Service Guild, page 37 gives the dates for reporting. The handbook on program, page 39, has a section on reporting. At our last reporting time there was some problem about the officers not receiving the report blanks. If you do not get your report blanks and you are a District Chairman, contact your District Secretary. If you are a local officer you will meet with your President for compiling the report and she will receive the forms.

If you are not receiving "The Methodist Story" and "Mission Memo" you may write to Miss Betty Thompson, Executive Secretary of Section of Communications, Joint Commission Education and Cultivation, 13th floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027. The "World Outlook" and the "Methodist Woman" are a must.

In most of our offices vacations are being scheduled. May I suggest that you schedule one week for School of Missions. If you have been then you do not need urging to go again. If you have not been you have a wonderful experience in store for you. Don't miss this opportunity for study, fellowship and spiritual enrichment.

Thanks to each of you for the wonderful job you are doing in directing your units in this important area of our Guild work.

## Your Conference Treasurer Says:

### WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

#### FIRST THREE QUARTERS STATEMENT ON PLEDGE-GIVING MAY 20, 1964 - FEB. 20, 1965

District	Pledged 1964-65	Paid on Pledge 1964-65	Amount Due On Pledge 1964-65
ALEXANDRIA	1,821.00	1,157.64	663.36
BATON ROUGE	3,644.00	2,031.95	1,612.05
LAFAYETTE	1,814.00	936.34	877.66
LAKE CHARLES	3,019.00	1,842.92	1,176.08
MONROE	3,122.00	2,092.88	1,029.12
NEW ORLEANS	3,046.00	1,912.13	1,133.87
RUSTON	2,467.00	1,506.71	960.29
SHREVEPORT	3,046.00	1,771.59	1,274.41
	21,979.00	13,252.16	8,726.84

This is your report for the First Three Quarters on Pledge-giving. As you study the above figures you will be able to see how your DISTRICT stands on your PLEDGE TO MISSIONS.

As treasurers, we share the responsibility for the promotion of all giving. We are beginning the last quarter of this year so PLEASE take advantage of every opportunity to promote; Special Memberships, Lenten Offerings, In Honor Gifts, and In Remembrance Gifts. These are methods to help us secure additional gifts which will help your district to meet its pledge.

I know you have been using your Special Mission Banks or our Special plan for giving a penny a day above our pledge. NOW, IS THE TIME TO BRING THEM IN SO THE MONEY CAN BE INCLUDED IN THIS QUARTER'S REPORT. I SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT THIS EXTRA GIVING WILL HELP US TO MEET OUR PLEDGE TO MISSIONS.

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your help and cooperation—Hazel Gallaher, Conference Treasurer.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur, Chairman

One of the most outstanding meetings I have had the privilege of attending in our Conference was the one in Alexandria at Trinity Church. The theme "How to Meet Controversy". I am sorry many Guild chairmen could not attend, however, we ARE employed women and time does not allow for week day meetings. We learned that small pebbles do as much to make a wall strong and firm as do the great stones. Many times it is not the striving for great things that is most effective, but the doing of little things. It should be clear that most of the world's troubles today are directly or indirectly attributable to lack of communication.

As one of our presidents said once—"we shall fight for the things which we have always carried nearest our hearts—for democracy, for the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own governments, and for the rights and liberties of small nations—" God helping us we can do no other.

When climbing a hill, what a relief it is to pause a few minutes and to feel that we have gained ground, to rejoice over what we have accomplished! If we were to think entirely of the work we had to do in Christian Social Relations, of the ground we had to cover, our feeling would be one of weariness. But I take courage from your reports of what has been accomplished, I feel that our efforts have availed something and that if we will continue our work, seeking a clear and honest view of our own relations as Christians, then we will have something that lifts us to higher heights.

How important you are! What a responsibility you have. Do you organize your programs well and present them in an interesting manner? Be the spark that lights the program—You, the Fuse, are composed of . . .

- F—Faithfulness to the laws of God.
- U—Understanding the program and its meaning.
- S—Service now and in the future.
- E—Enthusiasm for all of this.

How carefully we handle this fuse and how thoroughly we light it depends on how well we plan and promote. Join me, where ever you are, and let us lift up our minds beyond time and space to God until His light illumines all our lives.

May I use this column to thank you for the beautiful cards of sympathy and the wonderful notes you wrote me. Its friends like you and words like these that warms my heart. May God bless you.





TABLE ARRANGEMENT AT THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER  
Miss Grace Lawson, Presiding.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

We regret that plans for the Spiritual Life Retreat did not materialize, but it is hoped that plans can be completed for one to be held later in the year, or early next year.

A Spiritual Life Retreat for the South Central Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild will be held May 1 and 2, 1965, at Camp Galilee in El Dorado Springs, Missouri. The leader will be Dr. Alice Wonders, Chairman of Division of Philosophy and Religion, Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth, Texas. Information and registration blanks have been sent to all Chairmen of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

A special training session for District Spiritual Life Cultivation Chairmen is being planned for April 24, 1965, at First Methodist Church in Alexandria, Louisiana. We will be privileged to have as our instructor, Mrs. Cecil R. Matthews, Secretary Spiritual Life Cultivation, South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service. We feel there is a need for the type of training we will receive and urge all chairmen to reserve these dates.

Evaluation reports will be sent to you soon and it is important that the reports be completed and sent out in time to meet deadline dates. May we have your cooperation and help in this?

## SUPPLY WORK

Dorothy Dunbar Conference Chairman

The Magazine and Picture Fund is falling short of \$53.00 in meeting its Cash for Supply Work Askings for this Guild year. Your unit still has the opportunity of contributing to this fund by sending \$2.00 on its next treasurer's report and list it under Foreign and designate it for "Magazine & Picture Fund".

This particular asking is a special project of the Wesleyan Service Guild. The money received goes for magazines for missionaries and deaconesses, and for books given through Library Service.

The Cash Askings for Southern Asia, India has been paid in full. We anticipate the balance for Holding Institute, Laredo, Texas, to be met in our last quarter. There is \$130.39 that is needed to fully meet the askings for the Home Field.

If you have met all Askings for your Guild and still have something you wish to give, why not designate it for Holding Institute or the Magazine and Picture Fund.

## PROGRAM MATERIALS

Grace Lawson, Conference Chairman

Thanks for being patient with us while we experimented with the idea of selling program materials at the Spring Meeting. There are many problems involved. Lack of time, and the fact that we had to spend most of our free time shuttling from one meeting place to the other were the two main problems. Added to that was the fact that while most guilders were free to browse and buy on Saturday morning the Conference Guild Committee was in session.

If you feel that we should continue to sell literature at the Spring Meeting maybe you can help us to work out our problems. We'd appreciate any suggestions you may have, and also suggestions as to what materials you would like us to have at these meetings.

Send your suggestions to me or discuss them with your District Secretary or your District Chairman of Program Materials.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1965 - 66

### WE RECOMMEND:

1. That we continue to grow in understanding and spiritual power; to increase our knowledge of the needs of the world; and to share through witness and service in the outreach of the church.
2. That each local Guild strive toward a greater oneness with the local church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service through cooperative planning, study, and action:
3. That Guild members dedicate themselves to the task of becoming better informed about Missionary Education through study of handbook and other recommended material; keep accurate records; report on time, and promote study:
4. That, as Christian and as Methodist women, we seek for ourselves, our churches and communities a more worthy manifestation of God's love and justice in the spirit of Christian reconciliation:
5. That we continue to accept and meet the obligations that each line of work presents to us through the chairman.

## Resolution Adopted at Spring Meeting

We, the members of the representative body of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church in session for the 14th Annual Meeting in Shreveport, Louisiana, March 14, 1965, view with alarm the increasing traffic in obscene, lewd, indecent, and immoral literature found on the news stands and in the drug stores and grocery stores in many of the towns and cities of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the sale of this salacious material is a two billion dollar a year racket in the United States, with probably 75% to 90% of this material falling into the hands of young people; and

WHEREAS, F. B. I. Director J. Edgar Hoover, has condemned these publications, saying "I believe pornography is a major cause of sex violence. I am convinced that if we can eliminate the distribution of obscene material among impressionable school-age children, we can reduce the current sex crime rates;" and

WHEREAS, we believe that as Christians we have a responsibility to God and society to uphold that which is good and oppose that which is wrong;

### THEREFORE WE RECOMMEND:

- (1) That we voice our protest to the circulation, sale, and display of such immoral material devoted to the exploration of sex, passion, depravity, and immorality;
- (2) That we urgently appeal to our pastors, teachers, youth workers, and parents to use their respective offices to speak out against such and to join in an all-out effort to make and keep our communities morally clean by urging the removal of all objectionable material from the shelves of our news stands, drug and grocery stores, and wherever such materials are sold; and
- (3) That a copy be sent to the Honorable John J. McKeithen, Governor of the State of Louisiana.

(Miss) Arline Tyler  
Louisiana Conference Secretary  
Wesleyan Service Guild  
(Miss) Maree White  
Conference Recording Secretary





THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Marie Pace, District Secretary

The Alexandria District will have a good representation at the Conference in Shreveport even though I will not be able to attend. Our coaching conference in Winnfield was very good from the standpoint of instructions as well as attention. We missed Colfax, Jena, Pollock and Oakdale. We are looking forward to all of the Guilds attending this Spring meeting. It is most important as officers will be elected.

We have 298 members in our district now—we hope to increase this.

All the Guilds have been active in their own Churches and with the program of the Guild work. The Guilds are using the Banks to increase mission giving.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each of the Guild members for their thoughts and prayers during my term of office and especially during the illness in my own family. Due to my mother's illness I am unable to attend Conference.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. Louis (Lillian) Soileau, District Secretary

I know that all of you will rejoice with me upon hearing the good news. Lafayette District now has a new GUILD—in Asbury Methodist Church of Lafayette. This fine group of ladies started organizing in January—officers were elected February 2 and they had their first program meeting February 23. They are very enthusiastic and interested in the work of Guild. Mrs. C. R. McCammon is their co-ordinator, I am sure many of you know Mrs. McCammon. Mrs. H. J. Firestone, 105 Delphine, Lafayette, La., is their president, and I am sure she will not be a stranger to us long. Any encouragement, or help or suggestions they will appreciate, to get them going. I almost forgot to mention they have eight members but expect to get more as time goes by.

Please circle APRIL 25, 1965, on your calendars for our Spring Meeting in Rayne. Mrs. Alma Devillier is President of this unit and Mrs. Inza Curtis is District Chairman of Missionary Education also of Rayne. I know this will be a good get-together.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Mrs. Joe L. (Gail) Rountree, Jr., Secretary

The Baton Rouge District held its annual Citizenship Brunch on Sunday, January 17, 1965, at the Kentwood High School Cafeteria at 1 p.m. Dr. Bently Sloane, Baton Rouge District Superintendent, was the guest speaker. His topic was "Christian Responsibility—Our Concern". Dr. Sloane opened many new avenues for the Guilders and visitors who attended this meeting and all enjoyed the meal and his talk very much. There were approximately 80 persons in attendance including visitors, ministers and Guilders from throughout the Baton Rouge District.

At this meeting, Mrs. Emma Mainous, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education, presented Gail Howard, District Secretary,

and her fiancé, Joe L. Rountree, Jr., with a cake and pastry server from the Conference Guild Committee to be used at their wedding reception on February 13, 1965.

Many of the units have been having studies during the last few months. Some have been joint studies with the Woman's Society of their church and some have been churchwide. Everyone seems to be enjoying the study of Genesis very much and getting much from it. I am sure there will be even more studies held during the next few months.



Gail (Howard) Rountree

Miss Gail Howard and Mr. Joe L. Rountree, Jr., were married on February 13, 1965, at 7 p.m. at the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church with Rev. Roy E. Mouser officiating at the double ring ceremony. The newly married couple are residing at 3967 Shreewood Drive, Apartment A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Their telephone number is 355-036.

The Spring Meeting of the Baton Rouge District Wesleyan Service Guild will be held at Jefferson Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, on Sunday, April 4, at 2 p.m. Plans are now being made for this very important meeting.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Laura Lynch, District Secretary

Guild Month was observed by many Guilds of the district. Good reports of some of them have been sent in.

JULIA REID GUILDERS OF LAKE CHARLES participated very actively in the Church-wide study "Spanish Americans" which took place from January 24th through February 14, 1965. Two of their number, Miss Zoila Valdivieso and Miss Mary Minta Moore, took part in conducting the study. They also served the meal which was provided each Sunday evening.

The Woman's Society and the Julia Reid Unit, Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church had their annual joint meeting and luncheon on January 9, at the Lake Charles Country Club, commemorating the Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

Mrs. O. B. Jordan of Houston, Texas, a one time teacher of Spanish American children in Southwest Texas, spoke on the subject "Spanish Americans" for the occasion. She was, at one time, a resident of Lake Charles and while there served as president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church. Miss Zoila Valdivieso, a young Cuban woman, who is a Guild member and a teacher of Spanish in one of the Junior High Schools there, entertained the group by singing three numbers in Spanish.

Decorations and food were of Spanish motif and mode.

Mrs. Ed Midlaw, president of the Woman's Society, introduced the speaker and others taking part on the program.

LAKE ARTHUR'S Woman's Society entertained the WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD there on January 19th, in the home of Mrs. Irma Doland. Mrs. Jerry Donald, a member of the Fellowship Circle of the W.S.C.S. led a discussion on "Our Children and Theirs".

In observance of Guild Month, LEESVILLE GUILDERS had as their guests members of the Woman's Society on January 11th. The history and major accomplishments of the Guild were reviewed. The meaning of the Guild Emblem and the purpose of the Guild were re-emphasized. A discussion based on "The Wise Use of Our Money" followed.

The Leesville Guild participated in the Church-wide study, "The Church's Responsibility Among New Nations" conducted by Rev. Kirby A. Vining during the month of January.

Plans are being made by the units of the district to attend the Spring Conference, March 13th-14th, in Shreveport.

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Mrs. A. R. Marquardt (right) Guest Speaker and Mrs. Lee Tidwell

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT . . .

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The District Spring Meeting has been scheduled for April 25, 1965, at Welsh. The Rev. M. C. Cady, a missionary on furlough from Brazil, will bring the special message. Installation of district officers will take place at this meeting.

Reporting time is drawing near. Local units, begin now to check to see that your unit is meeting its obligations in all areas—Pledge to Missions, Supply work in general. If your obligations are not met, be sure that a special effort be made to include them in the Fourth Quarterly Report which is due in April.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. M. W. (Janie) Phillips, District Secretary

We have good news for this report. Monroe District will soon have a new Guild unit! Through the interest of Elizabeth Langford, a unit is being organized at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Monroe. They will even have a delegate to attend Conference in Shreveport. We are so proud of you, St. Paul.

We are anticipating with pleasure our Spring Meeting which will be held in Winnsboro on April 25. Each unit will receive details later.

All presidents will receive the reports by mail. Be sure that all obligations are met in full before report time.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in Shreveport.

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mrs. Milton C. (Louise) Baldrige, District Secretary

January 24th, in observance of Guild Month and the 25th Anniversary, a book review and tea was held at First Methodist Church. Mrs. Clyde Frazier reviewed the book "Sixpense in Her Shoe". It was a very delightful afternoon and well attended.

I was invited to be one of the representatives to participate in the workshop, "Meeting Controversy and Conflict in Church and Community", February 3-5, 1965, at Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, La. It was a most informative meeting. I feel it helped the group understand the many factors that create controversy, and how the Christian can face the issues in a constructive way.

The local guilds observed Guild Month in many ways described below.

CARROLLTON—Helena Kuntz, reporter: In January the Guild

joined the Woman's Society for a turkey supper. It was a delightful occasion of food, fellowship and fun. It was a time to get to know each other better. A party was given on Valentine's Day in honor of our faithful member, Louise Knapp, who has taken up residence in the Fink Home. Hearts and flowers decorated the church parlor. Mrs. Mary Terray composed a song for the occasion, which was sung by all. A corsage of tiny silken red roses and a gift was presented to Louise. The president, Helen McMahon expressed best wishes and love from all the members of the guild, bringing this warm fellowship to a close.

FIRST METHODIST—Marguerite Walls, reporter: The Guild held its December meeting at the Methodist Home Hospital. Christmas gifts were taken for the girls at the Home. In January the Guild was host to the District Book Review. Officers were elected at the February meeting and delegates chosen for the Spring Meeting. The Spiritual Life Study "Genesis" will be presented church-wide at the church during the Lenten season.

MUNHOLLOND—Anne Goetz, reporter: The Christmas love offering and canned goods donations were given to the New Orleans Felicity Church sharing shelf which helps the needy. Many Guild members were on the program of the church-wide Mission study. The Guild and Woman's Society conducted the Sunday morning services on January 31st. Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton, wife of the Bishop was the honored guest. She gave an interesting talk about the work of the women in the church, at home and around the world, furthering God's Kingdom on earth. A buffet supper was held by the Guild and the Woman's Society on Friday, February 19, followed by a joint program. The first session of the study, "Genesis" will be held March 16.

SLIDELL—Betty Dossett, reporter: The Guild met at the home of Mrs. Sam Green in January. Louise Dorr and Betty Dossett participated in a dialog on Holding Institute in Laredo, Texas. The meeting was well attended and enjoyed by all.

ST. LUKE—Louise Baldrige, reporter: In observance of Guild Month the choir sang the Guild Hymn. All members sat together, wearing blue and gold ribbons. The flowers were placed in the church by the Guild and arranged by Mary Jo Gunde. What the Guild offers to the working women of today was printed in the bulletin. The following Sunday the Guild served coffee and cookies after the 8:30 A. M. service. A large Guild Emblem and a poster inviting the women to join the Guild were placed in the church during Guild Month.

The Woman's Society and Guild met for a joint program in January. Louise Baldrige presented the program which was on the 25th Anniversary. It was a delightful evening and well attended.

Our minister, J. Philip Woodland assisted us in many ways, we are grateful.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Sue Batton, District Secretary

The new evaluation reports were confusing to many Units and we will not have a true picture of our work in the district until our Annual District meeting in April. This meeting will be held in First Church in Arcadia. The date will reach you in time for the meeting.

Guild month was celebrated in our district in many Churches and Guild Units. I have had many letters stating the marvelous and interesting way in which it was presented. Some joint dinners with the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Membership drives ended with a banquet and guest speakers, also prospective members attending. Several Units reported participation in church services.

We have had many carefully planned studies on "Genesis" in our district and our Guild members and Units have participated in the planning and presentation of church wide Missions studies.

We are looking forward to the Spring Meeting in Shreveport March 13-14, and by the time this reaches you, it will be history.

Let me urge you in Ruston District to check on your pledge to Missions. We do want to pay our pledge in full. Give some memberships to some deserving members. It will be applied to Missions.

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THE CONFERENE GUILD COMMITTEE

## RUSTON DISTRICT . . .

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Guild members, all over the district, are participating more and more in Church work, and we must keep in mind we ARE A SERVICE GUILD.

All eleven Units in Ruston district have been very busy during the three quarters, and a full and detailed report will be given of these activities after receiving the fourth quarterly reports.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Sybil Kelly, District Secretary

The annual Shreveport District Guild Banquet was held at the Lakeview Methodist Church on January 22, 1965. Wynn unit decorated the tables using the 25th Anniversary as the theme.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Patterson Benner, Missionary-teacher to Japan. Other special guests included the District Superintendent George Pearce, Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. W. D. Snelling, W.S.C.S. District President. Many units brought their local pastors and W.S.C.S. Presidents as guests.

A special thanks is given to Mrs. H. C. Elder, membership chairman of the W.S.C.S. at First Church. Mrs. Elder, Mrs. W. D. Snelling, and Mrs. Violet Dickens helped to organize a new Guild unit at First Church. We were very happy that four of the new members were able to attend the banquet. We are looking forward to working with this fine "new" unit. Welcome First Church!

Mrs. Jack Toombs, W.S.C.S. Member at Large, brought a group of visitors from Vivian.

All the units worked real hard to make this banquet successful and the 139 who attended enjoyed the evening.

## CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY

Noel Wesleyan Service Guild celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the organization of the Guild after the unification of the Methodist Church, Wednesday, January 20th, at 7:00 p.m. at Noel Church.

With a theme of "To This I Witness" many of the past presidents of the Noel Guild reviewed highlights of their terms, including endeavors in the Foreign and Home Mission fields, the fellowship of local district, and conference levels, and spiritual growth from the tone of programs and studies.

The Guild hymn "Finlandia" was used throughout the evening, co-ordinating the total program of Review, Renew and Rededication.

The Program Committee was Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. Edna Eglin and Miss Clare Shumaker.

The President, Miss Pauline Rodgers, welcomed the guests who came to share the evening, who were: Mrs. Clara Alberson, Mrs. Mary McBride, Mrs. Martha Louise Beard, Mrs. Josephine Williams, Miss Doris Naff, Mrs. Norene Rishell, Mrs. Dorothy R.

Thomas, Miss Earline Jordan and Miss Kathryn Yildell.

Among the entire group were seven charter members.

After the meeting the group enjoyed a period of fellowship with a 25th Anniversary cake.

Several requested the quotation used by Arline Tyler, your Conference Secretary in her closing message at Guild Weekend:

## THE GARDEN OF YOUR BUSINESS

First plant four rows of peas;

Presence, promptness, preparation and perseverance.

Next to these plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip, squash indifference, squash criticism.

Then plant five rows of lettuce:

Let us obey rules and regulations,

Let us be true to our obligations,

Let us be faithful to duty,

Let us be loyal and unselfish,

Let us love one another.

No garden is complete without turnips:

Turn up for meetings,

Turn up with a smile,

Turn up with new ideas,

Turn up with determination to make everything count for something worthwhile.

. . . Author Unknown

## LETTERS OF INTEREST

Essex County Sanatorium  
Verona, N. J. 07044

Dear Elizabeth:

Thank you for continuing to send me The Guild Times, in spite of my silence. I enclose my check for \$5.00, to bring me up to date, and perhaps take care of the next year? I keep so busy here in my work as dietician that I do not write my friends very often. But I think of them and pray for them.

Congratulations to the Louisiana Conference Guild for the wonderful progress and achievements since I visited you years ago, and enjoyed your fellowship at Mt. Sequoyah. It is surely an inspiration to read of your future plans in your June issue.

Gcd grant you may have a wonderful weekend at Centenary College.

Greetings to my old friends and all Wesleyan Service Guild members.

Very sincerely,  
Marion Lela Norris

(Miss Norris was the first General Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. She was guest speaker at our first conference meeting in Alexandria in 1943.)

And . . .

A former Guild member from Rayne, New Orleans, now in Derby, Conn., writes:

136 Elizabeth Street  
Derby, Conn.  
February 14, 1965

Dear Miss Langford:

I can't remember when I last sent my subscription for Guild Times, but I'm sure it is due again (Here's my \$1.00).

The January number was so interesting and informative. I remember how Mrs. Laskey was such a wonderful inspiration to us at the Spring Meetings and our Guild Weekends. The woman's work is in good hands.

I've had plenty of ups and downs — in the hospital three times since September, but I am better now.

In the New Orleans District news I was glad to read of the Guild at Parker and St. Bernard. I still hear from my friends in the Rayne Memorial Guild.

With many good wishes and prayers for you and the workers in our Guilds.

Yours sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Willie Ray Jones

## IN MEMORIAM

BEATRICE LOCKE—A Guild member of First Church, Shreveport

We extend our deep sympathy to: Mrs. Sybil McDade (Haughton Guild) in the loss of her mother; Miss Pauline Rodgers (Noel Guild, Shreveport) in the loss of her father; Mrs. Leone Britton (Wynn Guild, Shreveport) in the death of her father; Mrs. Fannie Johnston (First Church Guild, Shreveport) in the death of her mother; Mrs. Vernon Thompson, (Tallulah Guild) in the loss of her husband; Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, (Bunkie) in the death of her father.





An interested group of employed women meet at the parsonage of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Monroe to make plans for organizing a Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. Ben Oliphint, wife of the minister, hosted the group. Miss Elizabeth Langford presented the plans of organization and 13 members signified joining. This group met on April 22nd and elected officers. Mrs. Larry (Bettie) Bennett was elected president. The picture above shows the first group in attendance.

## VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

Dear Friends:

E. T. C. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
Kolar, Mysore, India

Kolar is having one of the wettest years in many years. Two years ago we had lots of rain but not nearly so much as this year. Ragi which is one of the dry field grain crops has just about been completely drowned and washed out. There seems to be so much shortage of food, with high prices for what there is available, that many of our folks are having just one meal a day, if that, and that one meal a very meager one. It seems to me that as I go around I see more and more of the reddish hair so indicative of Kuashiorko the malnutrition disease of protein deficiency.

Our hospital has been full to overflowing in recent months. Although we have 210 beds, patients do not always come to fill the beds in the departments where they are. So, even though we do not have a capacity in-patient load we may be bulging and overflowing in men's ward, or children's ward, etc., while empty beds and space is standing in other departments. Dr. Michael Cartner and his wife, Dr. Lindy Cartner, have just returned to join our staff after some six or seven years of study in England. Dr. Michael was here before he went to England and became well-known and loved by patients in this area. With Dr. Gnanamuthu and Dr. Cartner together we really look for our surgery to be booming in the next few months. But we are going to lose Dr. Gnanamuthu for which we are genuinely sorry. There is a real need for him elsewhere, however, and we are glad that he will be the one to fill it. Dr. Raleigh Pickard of our Holston Hospital in Yadgiri is to go on furlough in April and Dr. Gnanamuthu has consented to become the Medical Superintendent of Holston Hospital in the spring. There will be many gaps left here which will take the efforts of many of us to fill when the Gnanamuthu's leave us.

I had hoped to get personal notes written to most of you in response to your many letters and cards during the past few months. However, if these letters and the Christmas letters are to get off so you will get them near Christmas I must get them in the mail. I hope I can get notes off to all of you to whom I owe a letter very soon. Thank you for being so patient with me on this score.

With best wishes to you all and with warmest of greetings.

Blessings on thee,

Vela

## GUILD TIMES REPORT

You who attended the Spring Meeting heard the report on GUILD TIMES. Although your new year for GUILD TIMES does not begin until the September issue, plans for the future of this publication are now in the making. It is with many regrets that I step aside as your editor. I feel that eight years as editor are enough and that someone else should now have this privilege, so my resignation has been accepted. In making plans for this change a recommendation that we merge Guild Times with the Conference News published by the Woman's Society of Christian Service was made. A Committee to formulate recommendations was named. Your editor served as chairman. After much study and planning and surely with God's guidance, the following recommendations have been accepted by the Louisiana Guilds and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. It is understood that many details will yet be worked out as the new merger takes effect.

Your GUILD TIMES will be more far-reaching as it goes into every Guild and Woman's Society. Subscriptions will be multiplied many times. It will be interesting to know what name will be adopted for this, your new Guild news. May God continue to reward us as we go forward in this larger field of proclaiming the work and plans of our Wesleyan Service Guilds in Louisiana Conference.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

After much deliberation concerning purpose, finances, circulation, content, personnel, and other factors, the committee makes the following recommendations:

FIRST: That the GUILD TIMES and the LOUISIANA CONFERENCE NEWS merge into a joint news publication for the Conference Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild, to be published 4 times a year.

SECOND: That this publication be financed by subscription, supplemented from the Conference Cultivation Fund.

THIRD: That for publication of this paper, there be a committee composed of an editor, who should be chairman, two assistant editors, and circulation manager. The editors should be appointed by the Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service after consultation with the Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. One assistant editor should be a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and one a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild, each to be selected after consultation with the editor. The circulation manager should be appointed by the editor.

FOURTH: That the format to be used in this publication be that used in Guild Times with size 8½ x 11" page and three-hole punch.

FIFTH: That the yearly subscription price be \$1.00.

SIXTH: That each local Society and Guild receive one copy of each issue at Conference expense.

SEVENTH: That an appropriate name for the paper be selected from suggestions submitted to this joint committee by members of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild.

EIGHTH: That the editorial staff be ready to function with the January, 1966, issue.

Signed:

Miss Elizabeth Langford, Chairman

Miss Maree White, Recording Secretary

Miss Dorothy Dunbar

Mrs. Carl Gallaher

Mrs. C. B. McGowan

Mrs. George Thomas

Mrs. C. R. McCammon

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## 19th ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND AT CENTENARY COLLEGE SHREVEPORT - AUGUST 6-7-8, 1965

### THEME — "NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT"

Program Chairman—Mrs. C. G. Mainous

Conference Chairman of Missionary Education

#### FRIDAY

4:00 P. M.—Registration ..... Living Room—James Dormitory  
7:30 P. M.—Conference Executive Meeting ..... James Library  
8:30 P. M.—Fellowship in Song ..... Amphitheater

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00 A. M.—"Salty Christians" ..... Mrs. G. W. Dameron  
7:30 A. M.—Breakfast ..... College Cafeteria  
8:00 A. M.—Registration ..... James Dormitory  
8:00-8:45 A. M.—Literature

#### 9:00 A. M.—FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Miss Arline Tyler ..... Presiding  
Hym No. 179, "Spirit of God" (Theme Hymn)  
Prayer  
Introductions  
Announcements

#### 9:45 A. M.—OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY GROUPS

Presidents ..... Leader, Miss Arline Tyler  
Resource person, Mrs. G. W. Dameron  
Vice-Presidents ..... Leader, Mrs. Milton Baldridge  
Resource person, Mrs. C. R. McCammon  
Membership Cultivation ..... Leader,  
Miss Elizabeth Langford  
Resource person, Mrs. Max L. Clayton  
Recording Secretary ..... Leader, Miss Maree White  
Supply Work Chairmen and Treasurers ..... Leader  
Miss Dorothy Dunbar and  
Mrs. Carl Gallaher

10:45-11:00 A. M.—Break

#### 11:00 A. M.—SECOND RESPONSIBILITY GROUPS

Christian Social Relations ..... Leader  
Mrs. Alvin Sandefur  
Missionary Education ..... Leader, Mrs. C. G. Mainous  
District Secretaries ..... Leader, Miss Arline Tyler  
Spiritual Life Cultivation ..... Leader,  
Miss Mildred Evans  
Program Materials ..... Leader  
Miss Grace Lawson

12:15 P. M.—Luncheon

#### 1:45 P. M.—SECOND GENERAL SESSION

Guild Hymn  
Prayer  
Announcements  
Guild Times Report  
Mission, The Christian's Calling  
The Witness of Every Christian  
Social Issues for the Christian  
Outreach Through Missions

3:15-3:30 P. M.—Break

3:30-4:30 P. M.—"Acts, Then and Now" Miss Ethylene Sampley  
Supper

6:30 P. M.—"Salty Christians" Mrs. G. W. Dameron

7:15 P. M.—THIRD GENERAL SESSION  
Hym No. 180, "Breathe on me, Breath of God"  
Prayer  
"Acts, Then and Now" Miss Ethylene Sampley

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

6:45 A. M.—"Salty Christians" Mrs. G. W. Dameron

7:30 A. M.—Breakfast ..... College Cafeteria



#### PROGRAM

##### CHAIRMAN

Mrs. C. G. Mainous

Conference Chairman  
of Missionary Education

#### 8:30 A. M.—GENERAL SESSION

Prayer  
Recognition of new units and members  
Business  
Reports

#### 10:50 A. M.—Worship Service

##### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS TO

Chairman: Miss Virginia Wren  
200 Dalzell St.  
Shreveport, Louisiana

COST: Registration Fee \$2.00 (This must be sent in with  
Registration)

Room: \$1.50 per night (Send in or pay on arrival; but  
indicate how many nights you will want the  
room)

Meals \$1.00 per meal. This is to be paid direct to the  
cashier in the cafeteria—Guild will not handle money for meals.  
However, we need to know how many meals you will be here  
for, in order for the cafeteria staff to plan adequately for us.  
Bring linens—blanket if you wish because of air conditioning.



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the excellent and prompt manner in which you reported the officers for the new year. I appreciate the Evaluation Reports, too. They are our means of contact with the local Guild. They are the thread that links the local, district, conference, jurisdiction, and division; as such, they are vital to our growth. But alas, there are 16-20 units that deny us that contact by not reporting. Will you who did not complete or send in your reports please let me or your district secretary know what we can do to help you in reporting? We report only twice each year—November and May. IS THERE REALLY ANY REASON FOR NOT REPORTING? Let's make Louisiana 100% in reporting in 1965-66! Presidents, YOU hold the answer! What shall it be?

In planning for 1965-66 will you please consider the following points?

- make tentative plans for the entire year early
- make plans for program flexible, but include studies, special observances, community action
- in making your budget remember our first obligation as a Guild is to support the mission projects as designated by the Woman's Division; and our acceptance of the 25th Anniversary Goals
- include a plan for definite action to reach those women of your church who are neither members of the Guild nor the Woman's Society
- definite plans for cooperative program and action with the Woman's Society and the local church
- evaluate! Measure your work two or three times each year, using the PURPOSE and the 25th ANNIVERSARY Goals as the measuring stick
- widen horizons by attending district and conference meetings

Two district secretaries have completed their terms of office. We appreciate the service of Miss Marie Pace of Alexandria District and Mrs. Milton Baldrige (Louise) of New Orleans District. I expect Louise has set a record for district secretaries. She has served four years without having missed a spring conference, a Guild Weekend, a School of Mission, or a meeting of the conference Guild committee! This, in addition to an excellent job in her district. Thank you, Louise! We welcome to our conference family: Miss Bessie Rollo of the Alexandria District, who is already at work with her initial planning session schedule; and Mrs. Justin (Ruth) Vega of Slidell, secretary of the New Orleans District. To these and every local and district officer, I wish a most joyous and fruitful experience of service in the Kingdom of God through the Wesleyan Service Guild.

The calendar points out: your Conference Secretary, chairman of Missionary Education, Spiritual Life Cultivation, and Christian Social Relations will attend the regional School of Christian Mission, June 7-11, at SMU in Dallas—this is a first—that only 11 persons have registered for Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, June 18-20, at Mt. Sequoyah. This indicates we are 4 short of our quota. Why? Anybody know? . . . our own conference Guild Weekend is on August 6-8, at Centenary College, Shreveport. Why not attend? A comprehensive program is being planned; yet, one that will provide adequate leisure time. Be sure to attend. The School of Christian Mission follows the Guild Weekend. We hope many of you can attend both.

As we leave 1964-65 and step into 1965-66 in our Guild work, my plea to you, as a member of the Guild, is to study our PURPOSE more prayerfully; give thoughtful consideration to the 25th Anniversary Goals, the needs of the world, your community, your church, and your fellow-Guilders. Out of such will come a truly effective witness and service for the Kingdom of God and our Saviour.

Sincerely,  
Arline Tyler



MISS  
ETHELENE  
SAMPLEY  
SPECIAL  
GUEST  
PRESENTS

## "ACTS, THEN AND NOW"

Miss Sampley has a rich Methodist heritage as the daughter, sister, aunt, sister-in-law, granddaughter, and great grand daughter of Methodist Ministers. By training and inheritance, she is a dedicated Methodist.

Her professional life has been spent in Christian Education within the framework of the church. She has served as Director of Christian Education in several churches; Director of Wesley Foundation at Mississippi State College for Women and Director of Religious Life at Duke University Woman's College. On several occasions she has been a speaker for Religious Emphasis Week at Louisiana State University.

Miss Sampley has taught at many Conferences and Jurisdiction Schools of Missions; has been a delegate from the Methodist Church to two World Conferences. At intervals through the years, she has written for many church periodicals.

At present she is at home in Port Pierce, Florida, with her parents, and is a "potter," teaching ceramics and sculpture, in addition to teaching in Christian Workers' Schools of Mission.

Miss Sampley will introduce our study "Acts—Then and Now."

## GUILD TIMES

The heritage of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild is one of service, love, compassion for all, and appreciation. Perhaps the most treasured item of this heritage is GUILD TIMES. For its inception and its nurture during infancy, we are indebted to Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Opelousas. Taking the helm from Dorothy and maintaining and extending its service as our media of news and promotion was Miss Lillian Kennedy, Baton Rouge. In 1958 Miss Elizabeth Langford assumed the leadership. Under her devoted and enthusiastic service, we have watched it develop into full fruition for our own conference and for Guilds of our jurisdiction and nation. Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President of the Woman's Divisions, commented: "I get news letters and conference papers from throughout our nation. Of them all, GUILD TIMES is the most attractive and one of the best."

To Dorothy, Lillian and Elizabeth we are indebted as well as to those who have contributed information and supported it through subscriptions—and are deeply grateful. Thank you every one!

But progress is a moving force and we are ready to move with it—as shown by your decision to merge GUILD TIMES and the CONFERENCE NEWS (Woman's Society). This, we believe, will be in operation by January, 1966.

The subscription rate will be the same—\$1.00 per year (July to July). Elizabeth Langford will be notifying you of this. Now is the time to begin renewals and new subscriptions that all may be ready for the first issue. Most of us know that Elizabeth has set a goal of 800 subscriptions for several years. This goal has not been reached. I believe the most meaningful expression of our love and appreciation to Elizabeth would be to reach this goal. What do you say that by our Guild Weekend (August 6-8) we give Elizabeth the opportunity to report 800 plus subscriptions to our paper for 1965-66? Let's see how many 100% units and districts we can have! We can do it—if everybody does his part. Will you?

Your Conference Secretary,  
Arline Tyler



## Your Conference Treasurer Says:

THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD PLEDGE TO MISSIONS  
FOR 1964-1965 IS \$21,979.00.

ALEXANDRIA	1,821.00	2,058.41
BATON ROUGE	3,644.00	3,206.27
LAFAYETTE	1,814.00	1,624.84
LAKE CHARLES	3,019.00	2,818.63
MONROE	3,122.00	3,139.45
NEW ORLEANS	3,046.00	3,114.74
RUSTON	2,467.00	2,571.60
SHREVEPORT	3,046.00	3,046.00
	21,979.00	21,579.94

CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD PAID	
OFFERING ANNUAL MEETING	152.00
CORSAGE FOR MISSIONS	190.00
IN REMEMBRANCE GIFT	5.00
OFFERING GUILD WEEKEND	120.00
TOTAL PAID ON PLEDGE	22,046.94

I know you are as happy as I am that the Wesleyan Service Guild met its Pledge to Missions this year. The fact that the Guild did meet its Pledge gives us a good beginning for the NEW YEAR. However, the sad news is that the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service did NOT meet its Pledge to the Woman's Division, but the Conference Woman's Society did make an increase of \$6,529.30. (This amount includes the Guild). The increase is compared with the amount paid on Pledge-Giving for 1962-1963, the year on which our 25% increase was based.

Now, we are entering into a BRIGHT new year which is ours and in which we can accomplish BIGGER and BETTER things. As you know, each District Woman's Society and each District Wesleyan Service Guild has accepted a 13% increase in Pledge-Giving for the coming year. This will complete the 25% the Conference Woman's Society accepted during the observance of the 25th Anniversary.

You are to be commended on the use of the "Special Missions Banks" and the "My World Banks", however, I am sure some of us are not using them. May I URGE every TREASURER to see that every member of the Guild has a "Special Missions Bank" and that she be encouraged to use it. If you are using the "My World Bank"—that's fine—the important thing is to be sure you are using one or the other. REMEMBER THE MONEY WE PLACE IN OUR BANKS IS IN ADDITION TO YOUR PLEDGE.

It is the duty of every treasurer, not only to give a financial report at the meeting each month but she should interpret the needs, also explain how our Pledge Dollar is spent. This information is in the new Handbook on Finance and in the Methodist Woman. The June issue, 1964, Methodist Woman tells us how our Pledge Dollar is spent.

Do continue to promote the following:

Increase in the Individual Pledge, Special Missions Banks, My World Banks, Memberships, Result of Study, in Honor Gifts, in Remembrance Gifts, Special Offerings.

All of these are ways that will help your District and your Conference Woman's Society to meet the 25% increase in Pledge-Giving.

Thank you for making our year's work together a pleasure.

Hazel Gallaher,  
Conference Treasurer

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

We extend greetings to all new Spiritual Life Cultivation Chairmen and pray that your term of service will be one of joy and spiritual enrichment.

On April 24, 1965, the Spiritual Life Cultivation training session was held in Alexandria, Louisiana, at First Methodist Church with Mrs. Cecil R. Matthews, Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, South Central Jurisdiction, Woman's Society of Christian Service. While not as well attended, as anticipated, we are sure that the value, experience and spiritual benefit derived by those who did attend this training session will be most helpful to the districts represented.

We were given some definitions and specifics in planning a Day Apart, Study Retreat, and School of Prayer. We closed with an inspiring School of Prayer (In Miniature) entitled "Teach Us To Pray". During our closing hour of the training session with Mrs. Matthews we were, indeed, lifted into the presence of our Lord.

Copies of the material used at the training session has been sent to those districts that were not represented.

We are working toward a Conference Spiritual Life Retreat in January, 1966. We hope to be able to give you some information about this at Guild Weekend in August.

A most inspiring program has been planned for you for Guild Weekend, August 6-8 at Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana. Its success depends on each of you, so please make every effort to attend.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur, Chairman

Elections are over, you, the chairman of Christian Social Relations, welcome. You have an office that has special emphasis on its work this year. This, then, will be my prayer: that though differences of custom, color, and condition remain among men of the world, these differences may fade in the light from God's face, and that the gospel which makes us brothers may find daily expression in our lives.

My special thanks to you that have been active this past year. I appreciated the reports sent in and the little notes that made me feel that more thought has gone into our line of work than ever before. Perhaps if I can encourage more of you to hold fast to certain deep convictions and to speak and act for Christ, then we will witness in this world and those who see us may say of us, "There is a Christian."

Let us dare to express the hope that "the soldier of the future will be a soldier without an enemy"—fighting in all lands to help people help themselves to exterminate poverty, disease, and ignorance. To help in all these causes is the challenge all of us may now welcome if we indeed wish to make the world better for our having lived in it.

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. C. G. Mainous (Emma) Conference Chairman

You will be interested to know that during the Annual Meeting of the Methodist Board of Missions held at Buck Hills Falls in January, the joint Commission on Education and Cultivation and the Woman's Division of Christian Service took joint action authorizing experimentation with training programs involving both men and women in the field of Missionary Education. As these programs are worked out greater opportunities for training in leadership will be offered. This again will mean closer working together of Woman's Society of Christian Service, Wesleyan Service Guild and Commission on Missions of the local church.

On the home front, reports are in and out again to Jurisdiction. In reviewing the reports I am aware of the work that is being done in this area. Many studies were held and I am sure from the reports that you had many interesting and unique presentations. A sheet attached to the report describing some of the presentations would help me to better pass this information on. I do not think we can measure our success in the field of Missionary Education and Service by the number of students we had that met the suggested "Goals for Excellence" but by the number of persons involved in the study and their participation. This is the real measure of our success. There were 69 studies reported for this year. This is not a complete count. I am not listing studies by Districts until I can give a complete count. All Districts reported but some reports are incomplete.

In our program for Guild weekend there is a time set aside for all Conference Officers and chairmen to meet with their District Officers and Chairmen for a workshop. This is to be a time of sharing. Our problems will become one. Do be thinking about this and come prepared to share your problems with us and help us to solve others by your experience.

I hope that you have the School of Christian Mission on your schedule for this year. If it is not possible for you to go this year then do encourage some one else to go. The Presidents will receive the W. S. C. S. Conference News announcing the studies and study leaders. Thank you for your wonderful work and cooperation this past year and may next year be an even better one.



## SUPPLY WORK

### Dorothy Dunbar Conference Chairman

The supply Askings for the year 1965-66 are: MacDonell Methodist Center at Houma, Louisiana and Argentina.

Louisiana Conference Supply Askings of \$1,483.00 for MacDonell Methodist Center will help buy boys' clothing (ages 6-17) and girls' clothing (ages 6-18).

Our giving of \$522.00 to Argentina will help buy office supplies and a deep freeze for the Union Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires; furniture and teaching materials for Colegio Ward, Buenos Aires; and Audio-Visual equipment and furniture for Colegio Americano, Rosario.

The above Askings are about 4% more than the Askings for last year. Please remember that the \$2.00 per Guild Unit is a continuing Supply Project for the Magazine and Picture Fund.

## PROGRAM MATERIALS

### Grace Lawson, Conference Chairman

One of the most popular places on the Centenary Campus during Guild Weekend will be the LITERATURE ROOM in the James Building. I have on display PROGRAM BOOKS, HAND BOOKS, STUDY MATERIALS and other materials for sale. Come prepared to buy, as well as to browse. The program schedule and announcements will tell you the hours that the LITERATURE ROOM will be open.

## ATTENDING SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION GUILD WEEKEND

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE GUILDERS WHO WILL ATTEND THE SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION GUILD WEEKEND AT MT. SEQUOYAH, FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS,

AUGUST 18, 19, 20 ARE:

Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, Shreveport; Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Conference President of Woman's Society, Pineville; Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education, Baton Rouge; Miss Elizabeth Langford, Editor of GUILD TIMES (Elected delegate), Monroe; Miss Sybil Kelly, District Secretary (Elected delegate), Shreveport; Mrs. Minza Rabun, District Chairman of Christian Social Relations of Monroe District, Bastrop; Mrs. Monie Dalton, Bastrop; Mrs. Blanche Green, Coordinator of Bastrop Guild, Bastrop; Mrs. Austin (Agnes) Miller, Local Chairman of Missionary Education, Monroe; Miss Jenibe Westbrook, Unit No. 1, First Church, Monroe; and Mrs. Gloria Bennett, Unit No. 1, First Church, Monroe.

## ATTENTION LOCAL TREASURERS

A Report Book for 1964-68 was mailed to every president whose name and address we had in September, 1964. The president was to give it to the treasurer. As you will note, these are for four years—so must be carefully kept and passed on to incoming treasurer. The only way that a new one can be secured is through the conference secretary. I now have an order in for five, of which each of the three new units will get one. If you do not have one and have not had for the new quadrennium, please let me know. If yours has been lost, it will be a cost of 50¢. Let's be sure we are starting the 1965-66 year off well equipped.

## IN MEMORIAM

MISS MARTHA NICHOLSON, a devoted member and past president of the Noel Memorial Wesleyan Service Guild, Shreveport passed away Sunday, May 16th.

To her family and loved ones, we say:

"God grant you comfort day by day  
And strength to see you through,  
And may you know how lovingly  
He watches over you."



## MISS BESSIE ROLLO NEWLY ELECTED SECRETARY OF ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Miss Bessie Rollo the new district secretary is a member of the Trinity Guild, Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, La. She is a charter member of the Guild having joined 10/13/49. She is Church School Secretary and has held this for 13 years. Member Commission on Education, Chairman Spiritual Life Cultivation, past president and has served in most offices of the Guild and Lines of Work and completed four years as District Supply Chairman. She is a secretary in a local business firm and has been for 24 years. She is very capable and will make the Alexandria District a wonderful secretary.

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

### Marie Pace, District Secretary

The Alexandria District had a very good year by the reports of the presidents and treasurers. Our district meeting was held at the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, with the Doris Branton Circle hostess. 42 members of Guild and W. S. C. S. were present plus Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Conference President, W. S. C. S., and two coordinators.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected for the District: Miss Bessie Rollo, District Secretary, from Trinity Guild, Alexandria; Mrs. Herman Doyle, Recording Secretary, from Trinity Guild, Alexandria; Mrs. Lula K. Jones, Program Materials, Pollock; Mrs. Mattie Baker, Supply Work, Pineville; Mrs. W. H. Rollins, Trinity Church, Alexandria, La., and Mrs. Mittie Carruth, Bunkie, La. Member-at-large from W. S. C. S. Nominating Committee: Mrs. E. C. Erwin, Montgomery, La.; Mrs. A. D. Smart, Pollock, La. and Miss Marie Pace, First Methodist Church, Alexandria, La.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron brought an inspirational message on the Purpose and installed the district officers. Other district officers present were Miss Velma Louise Jones, Christian Social Relations, Pineville, Mrs. Ruth R. Allen, Winnfield, Missionary Education and Mrs. Janice Richardson, Bunkie, Spiritual Life Cultivation.

The District Secretary Miss Pace had Mrs. Robbie McCampbell, District Treasurer for W. S. C. S. make the announcement of the treasurer's report that the Guild exceeded the pledge for missions for the year 1964-65 by \$237.41 and all supply askings and other items were met by the Guilds for the year. The banks have been used for the extra giving and we are proud to announce we exceeded our pledge.

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

### Mrs. Joe L. (Gail) Rountree, Jr., Secretary

Eleven members from the Baton Rouge District attended the annual Spring Conference in Shreveport on March 13 and 14. The Baton Rouge District will be host to the Conference in 1966. The host church will be First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. The way in which the meetings were conducted and planned was enjoyed by everyone attending from the Baton Rouge District.

Our Spring Meeting of the District was held on Sunday, April 4, 1965, at Jefferson Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. There were approximately 70 members from throughout the



district in attendance. The meeting was called to order by the District Secretary, Gail Rountree. After the opening prayer by Rev. Stone Carraway, Pastor of Jefferson, the group was led in a devotional by Mrs. Betty Denham and a trio that sang spirituals and other religious music. The devotional was enjoyed by everyone.

During the meeting two honorariums were presented to the two retiring District officers. They were given a disc engraved with the office they had held during the last two years and \$25 was given to missions in their name. The officers receiving these honorariums were Mrs. Emma Mainous, Chairman of Missionary Education and Mrs. Audrey Smith, Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

New officers elected at this meeting were Mrs. Florence Barnes of Ingleside, Chairman of Christian Social Relations, and Mrs. Oneida Duncan of Bogalusa, Chairman of Missionary Education. These officers were installed in an impressive installation service led by Mrs. Clifford Ratliff, District Woman's Society President.

A pledge service was also held and was led by Mrs. Clark Gillingham, Woman's Society District Treasurer. The meeting was a very important one and enjoyed by all in attendance.

On May 2nd the District held a Day Apart at Hammond under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Carey Martin and Mrs. Betty Denham, Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Guild Weekend at Centenary College in August and hope a large number will be able to attend from our District.

## LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. Louis (Lillian) Soileau, District Secretary

I would like to THANK all the officers and members of the Guilds for their wonderful cooperation for the past year. The friendships gained are rewarding indeed, this within itself makes me feel as though I have received more than I have given.

CONGRATULATIONS! to you who are new officers. Each of you have an important task to perform. That you have been elected to it stands as a testimony to the fact that you are considered to be the one who has the necessary qualifications.

Exerpts from letters and or reports from 1964-65 Guild Presidents:

ABBEVILLE—contributed to their Building Program in addition to missions and many other activities. They will hostess our Fall meeting—October 17, 1965.

CROWLEY—they are now Flavia Lambert Wesleyan Service Guild—this in honor of Mrs. P. D. Lambert their organizer. Their attendance at their meeting has been almost 100%. (That's good).

HOUMA—life memberships were given to Mrs. Joy Turner and Mrs. Eva Lee. They increased their pledge to mission by 12% this year. Fellowship was noted throughout the year.

LAFAYETTE—FIRST METHODIST CHURCH—These Guilders has joint activities with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, increased their pledge to missions by 25%. In lieu of life memberships gave money to Carl and Julia Williams missionaries in Bolivia to be used where needed. Can you imagine \$50.00 sending ten children to school for one year????

LAFAYETTE—ASBURY METHODIST Guilders are getting set to Go, Go, Go, under the able leadership of Mrs. Freddie Firestone, President and Mrs. C. R. McCammon, their co-ordinator, to guide them.

NEW IBERIA—invites us to come visit with them. They met on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7 O'clock for their "Prayer Time". For information about fellowship write—Mrs. Vera Williams, they increased their membership by four this year.

OPELOUSAS—as an outgrowth from the study of Genesis, under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Skinner—Upper Rooms in Spanish were sent to Costa Rica and a Bible to Holding Institute, Lorado, Texas.

RAYNE—last but not least have been very busy this year, with more than 25% increase to missions and lots of other activities. They were hostess to our Spring Meeting and for you who were not there missed the lovely hospitality these Guilders just naturally knows how to bestow on their guest.

It would be impossible to pin-point the most important activities of our units. As in most instances each part makes up for the whole. The prayer time, studying, pledging, fun and fellowship all makes us want to grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and to challenge others.

May God bless you in your continued efforts toward "The Purpose". Do you know?? Our Supply Askings for 1965-66 are: MacDonell Methodist Center Houma, La.; Argentina, South America; the Magazine and Picture fund is \$2.00 per Guild and our pledge to Missions is \$2.057.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Laura Lynch, District Secretary

We have just completed a very successful year in the Lake Charles District.

The District had fifteen to attend the Annual Spring Conference in Shreveport.

Our Annual District Spring Meeting was held on April 25th at the First Methodist Church in Welsh. Nine Guilds were represented with forty-two in attendance.

Mrs. Mary Adele Compton, President of the Woman's Society, installed the following officers:

Mary Emily Cooley—Missionary Education and Service

Evelyn Chaney—Program Materials

Eva Stocking—Supply Work

Mrs. Donald Taylor—Representative of the Woman's Society

May Shaffer—Nominating Committee

We thank the retiring officers of the district for their loyalty, cooperation and for their time so willingly given at all times.

The highlight of our district meeting was the guest speaker, Rev. M. C. Cady, who told of his experiences as a missionary. His comparisons of the work a modern missionary with that of a missionary of not too many years ago very forcibly re-emphasized the fact that we do live in a changing world.

Our co-workers, Mrs. Mary Adele Compton, President of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mrs. Miriam Andrus, District Treasurer, met with us. Each spoke briefly giving suggestions for a better coordination of all district work.

The Leesville Guild presented the Gertrude E. Daubs Memorial to Miss Betty Vickers who is graduating from Centenary College in June. Betty has made application to the Mission Board for the training necessary for becoming a missionary. Her application is being processed at the present time.

Six Life Memberships were given in the district during 1964-1965 as follows: Susie Jones Unit-Deridder—2; Jennings—1; Leesville—1; Welsh—2.

## MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. M. W. (Janie) Phillips, District Secretary

The annual spring meeting of the Monroe District was held in the sanctuary of the beautiful Methodist Church in Winnsboro on April 25.

Registration was held in the Recreation Hall from 9:45 to 10:45. Coffee was served by the Winnsboro Guild.

The district members attended worship services in a body. Rev. M. D. Felder, the pastor, introduced Rev. Bond Flemming, Dean of Centenary College, who delivered the message.

The Bastrop Guild catered the luncheon.

A highlight of the afternoon program was a pledge service, "Go Ye Into All The World", patterned after the impressive service held at the Conference meeting in Shreveport. Each of the units in the district participated. Marilyn Hudson was chairman of the service.

Mrs. Ruth Guthrie was moderator for a panel discussion, "Whose Job Now?" This was a very informative discussion concerning new changes and reporting.

Mrs. Agnes Miller installed the following newly elected officers in a very impressive ceremony:

Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, Miss Dorothy Shell; Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. Helen Owen; Chairman of Program Materials, Mrs. Ethel Maroney; Member of Nominating Committee, Mrs. Marilyn Hudson; W. S. C. S. Member-At-Large, Mrs. Ben Oliphint.

At the conclusion of Miss Elizabeth Langford's report on Guild Times, she was presented with a love gift of Tiffany crystal service for eight in the Kingsley pattern. This was done in appreciation of her fine work as editor of Guild Times for the past eight years and for her aid in organizing a new Guild unit, St. Paul's of Monroe.

The Bastrop Guild extended an invitation for the 1966 District Meeting.

After an inspirational closing meditation by Mrs. Minza Rabun, and the Guild Benediction pronounced in unison, the group departed for their respective homes feeling just a little closer to the Guild and our District Guild Family after communing with the fine folk in Winnsboro.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in Shreveport at Guild Weekend in August.

P. S. Please permit your Editor to take this opportunity to thank the Monroe District Guilds for the beautiful gift presented to me at the District meeting. It has been such a pleasure to work with each of you.



## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mrs. Milton C. (Louise) Baldridge, District Secretary

The New Orleans District was well represented at the Spring Conference Meeting March 13-14, in Shreveport, La.

We wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the program committee who made this weekend one we will long remember. It was a wonderful program. The Shreveport District is to be congratulated on a most successful planning committee, our every wish was granted, thanks again for your hospitality.

The New Orleans District Annual meeting was held on April 19, 1965, at St. Luke's Methodist Church. Although bad weather prevailed the attendance was good. We were happy to honor the three past District Secretaries, Misses Emma Kuntz, Margaret McGowan and Mildred Evans, who gave short talks about their term of office. They were presented a book from the District Secretary, and a Gift to Missions was sent in their honor.

MMes. Joseph Blanchard and Helen McMahon, retiring officers, were presented a book from the District Secretary, and a gift to Missions was sent in their honor.

The District Secretary, Mrs. Milton Baldridge was presented an Honorary Membership Pin.

The Rev. J. Philip Woodland gave a most inspiring talk on the 25th Anniversary Theme "Go Ye, Therefore."

Mrs. Carl Gallaher held a wonderful and inspiring installation Service for the new officers.

The new Officers are:

District Secretary	Mrs. Justin Vega
Recording Secretary	Miss Azilda Evans
Spiritual Life Cultivation	Mrs. Willard Colburn
Program Material	Miss Marguerite Walls
Nominating Committee	Mrs. Beverly Biehler
Woman's Society of Christian Service	Mrs. George Millard

Officer's Training Day, May 23rd, was held at Carrollton Methodist Church. It was a very informative workshop, the attendance was good.

CARROLLTON—Helen McMahon, reporter: We have completed the study on Genesis with Munholland Guild. Special membership pins were presented to: Myrtle Champagne, Wilmoth Coker, Mildred Sharp and Stella Scarsone.

MUNHOLLAND—Anne Goetz, reporter: The Guild has completed a most successful year; fulfilled its pledge to Missions and gave a Special membership pin to Maude Claflin. We were delighted to have Carrollton Guild with us for the study on Genesis.

A gift was sent to Missions in loving memory of Mrs. D. Poole, a former coordinator of our Guild.

GENTILLY—Helen Schallom, reporter: We are delighted to have our member, Azilda Evans elected District Recording Secretary; we know she will do a fine job.

SLIDELL—Betty Dossett, reporter: Ruth Vega was presented a special membership pin at a surprise birthday party given in her honor April 26th, each member is hostess on her birthday. Mrs. Eleanor Wentworth, recording secretary for the Woman's Society was guest speaker for this month. There were 19 members present.

ST. LUKE'S—Louise Baldridge, reporter: The Guild presented a Special membership pin to Ora Capella, past president. The Guild will be installed with the Woman's Society of Christian Service and members of the Official Board at the Worship Service Sunday, May 30th.



ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT: First Row, Mrs. Herman Doyle, Miss Velma Louise Jones, Mrs. Janice Richardson, Miss Bessie Rollo and Mrs. G. W. Dameron. Second Row: Mrs. Lula K. Jones, Miss Marie Pace, Mrs. W. H. Rollins, Mrs. E. C. Erwin, Mrs. Ruth R. Russell and Mrs. Mittie Carruth.



RUTH (MRS. JUSTIN A.) VEGA  
NEWLY ELECTED SECRETARY

In her own words, we introduce you to the new District Secretary of the New Orleans District:

"I was born on my mother's birthdate—April 30th—am married to Justin A. Vega—have three daughters, six granddaughters (the eldest is presently Jr. Hi MYF President at Carrollton), and one grandson. I completed 8 years of grammar school, and at the end of my 2nd year in high school, my mother died, and I took a business course at Spencer Business College, graduating in 1924. I have worked for the Telephone Company and a wholesale electrical distributor in New Orleans, and when I moved to Slidell, I became office manager for a local insurance agency. I am presently working as church secretary for the Slidell Methodist Church, a job I greatly enjoy!

I became a Guild Member of the Carrollton Guild when Emma Kuntz was Guild Secretary of the New Orleans District, and am finishing up my second year as President of the Slidell Guild."

## RUSTON DISTRICT

Sue Batton, District Secretary

We have been emphasizing the three major goals in our new "Purpose" of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild for the past few months, and as a result we have OVER-PAID our pledge to missions, including the increase. Members in all Guild Units serving on various Commissions in the church; others witnessing by visiting the sick in hospitals, nursing homes, and many shut-ins; participation in church visitations and the programs of the churches in the forty days of love.

Our District annual meeting was well attended in First Church, Arcadia, Miss Sue Batton, District Secretary, presiding. We had many fine reports.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, presented the revised Primer of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. The District Secretary had mimeographed copies of the Primer and presented each member of the Units with a copy and urged all Units to make an extensive study of it.

Mrs. Irene Deas of Arcadia, is the newly elected Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, and Mrs. Dan Johnston of Springhill, the Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

We have had many fine study courses, and have had a very good year.

The district secretary urged all members to get acquainted with new terminology and changes. Study the Methodist Woman and World Outlook, Guild Handbook, and the many pamphlets and information available from the Division. She also urged them to attend the Conference Guild Weekend at Centenary College August 7 and 8 for better training and information.





Shreveport District Guild Committee taken at District Meeting held on May 1, 1965, at the Y.M.C.A. Camp near Forbing.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Sybil Kelly, District Secretary

The Shreveport District held its annual Guild Weekend at the Y. M. C. A. camp near Forbing. Fifty-three Guilders registered for the day's activities but because of some conflicts it was decided not to spend the night.

A special thanks to everyone for making our camp such a wonderful day. An extra special thanks to the people who held the various clinics.

The Shreveport District is very proud that we met our pledge. Many units went "that second mile" so that we could meet our pledge.

We are proud to present some new district officers:

Mrs. Violet Dickens—First Church—Chairman of Program Materials, Mrs. Mary Givens—Summer Grove—Chairman of Christian Social Religion, Miss Adeline Durham—Noel—Recording Secretary, Mrs. Estelle Jones—Choushatta—Supply Work, Mrs. Ella Price—Mangham—Mrs. Ruby Phillips—Plain Dealing—members of nominating committee.

Plans were made at the camp for the Conference Guild Weekend to be held at Centenary. Every unit has received its assignment and we are looking forward to hosting the conference again.

It was decided to take some money from the cultivation fund and send it to missions in honor of the retiring district officers.

Mrs. Gertrude Taylor—Mangum—Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Ruby Phillips—Plain Dealing—Chairman Program Materials, Miss Adeline Durham—Noel—Recording Secretary, Miss Arline Tyler—Noel—and Miss Elizabeth Lowrey—Mansfield—Members of Nominating Committee.

Most of the reports of the various units have been received. The units are busy with local church activities and studies. The spirit of the district is fine and I believe we are in good shape in all respects. Thank you for making this year such a wonderful one for me.

SEE YOU AT CENTENARY AT GUILD WEEKEND!

## VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

(Part of Vela's mimeographed letter, as she was away from the hospital at the time that she would have written for Guild Times.)

E. T. C. M. Hospital  
Kolar, Mysore State, India  
April, 1965

Dear Friends,

Time passes so quickly and again it is time to write to you . . . We have had a hospital full for more of the time during the past months I believe, and especially so in Men's Ward. There it is often like a bee-hive with everyone buzzing around with almost too much to do in too short a time for so many sick, sick patients. The work is going along well, some of the students have just completed their practical examinations . . . and the building programs and projects are progressing. . . . Our hospital unit of W. S. C. S. has just completed the week of self-denial and prayer observance. There have been prayer services in our Chapel each evening with special emphasis and

the regular morning chapel services have also emphasized the same thought. The offering taken amounted to Rs. 105/- which will be distributed through the All India W.S.C.S. We are fortunate to have Indian nationals visit us, and lead us in services now and then, who have been working in other countries than India. We recently had one minister who worked for several years as an evangelist in Africa and then, after a period in California, went to Trinidad to work among the thousands of Indians (India Indians) who have settled there. I think our nurses and staff appreciate hearing missionaries who are their own people instead of us Western missionaries all the time.

You will be interested to know a bit about two of the doctors who were with us last year. Dr. Susheela Ruhani was with us eleven months and Dr. Christopher Salins was with us for six months. They were married at the end of December and are now working for six months (maybe longer) at the Schieffelin Research Leprosy Sanatorium, associated with Vellore Christian Medical College. After this period of specialized experience in the medical and surgical care and rehabilitation of Leprosy patients they plan to go either to Nepal or to Bhutan with the American Leprosy Mission. This is really a piece of missionary work which they plan to do. Both of these young people were on our All India Methodist Medical Scholarship program for their medical training. Service in our church or mission institutions, for at least three years, our students give as a token of appreciation for their education. I might add, however, that many of our students have served for many more than three years in our institutions.

As you already realize from my letters, our jobs, our activities and the things we are called on to do are many and varied. We have a First Grade Degree Government College in our town and in February they celebrated their annual Ladies' Day ending in the evening with a guest speaker and a cultural program of Indian dance, music, and drama. I was asked to be the guest speaker and, as this occurred on February 22, birthdate of George Washington, I chose the theme of American holidays and festivals to talk about. This was a big occasion with about a thousand people present. One of our Sister Tutor nurses is a student in the College this year doing her first year of college, known here as P.U.C. or Pre University Course. We are so used to the idea in the States that a student can work his way through College that often we don't realize this is unusual and a privilege not available to young people in many other parts of the world. It is very difficult for students to do this at all here and we feel quite proud of several of our staff who are working on a staggered hour schedule so they can go to college at the same time. We must give credit to Mr. Ayappa who has arranged schedules so that this is possible.

. . . I do quite a bit of traveling but it is really a part of the job I am doing. During the end of December and the first part of January I was again in North India. First, we visited several hospitals along the way as we went to Lucknow to attend our Central Conference of the Methodist Church in Southeast Asia. This was a very important Conference as you know for two new bishops were elected. During the Conference, because Mr. and Mrs. Carston . . . were visiting for just a few days and were specifically interested in seeing work being done for leprosy patients, Dr. Manohar Masih took them, and Dr. Sharadamma and I, to Almora to visit the Leprosy Home and Hospital. I've been wanting to visit this Home for quite a long time and was happy for this opportunity to do so. I'm looking forward to showing you some of the pictures I took there when I get home again on another furlough. After the Conference, Dr. Shoemaker, Dr. Sharadamma and I also visited our present and former scholarship students at Clara Swain Hospital in Bareilly and at the Christian Medical College in Ludhiana. . . .

All in all it has been a very good four months since last I wrote to you. I'm so glad that Dr. Dalton has trained a nurse for us in anesthesia. Hannah is so good and I feel much better about being away from the hospital, when I do have to, knowing that the anesthesia is in good hands. On April 16 I am starting on another trip, but this one is not business for once. This will be my vacation month and Jean Laburn and I are going to Kashmir to have a camping vacation high in the Himalayas at Pahalgam. We will spend a few days on a houseboat on the Jumna River in Srinagar but most of the time we plan to be in Pahalgam. We will be gone for one month. Miss Leverette, my typist, and Dr. Shoemaker will carry on the bulk of the scholarship work while we are away. . . .

It's always a pleasure to hear from you and then to write this letter to you in reply. . . .

Blessings on thee,  
Vela



# Many Guilders Will Remain For Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission – August 9-13, 1965

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 1965

9:00-12:00—Purchase meal tickets; Pay room rent James Dormitory  
12:00- 1:00—Lunch ..... Cafeteria, College Campus  
1:45- 3:10—ASSEMBLY and PLATFORM  
HOUR ..... Hurley Music Building, Auditorium  
3:30- 4:30—APPLICATION GROUPS  
5:15- 6:30—Evening Meal  
7:30- 8:30—Bible Study ..... Hurley Auditorium  
TUESDAY—WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY  
6:30- 6:45—Morning Meditations ..... Greek Amphitheater  
6:30- 7:30—Breakfast  
8:30- 9:30—PLATFORM HOUR ..... Hurley Auditorium  
9:30-10:00—Coffee Break  
10:00-11:30—APPLICATION GROUPS  
12:00- 1:00—Lunch  
1:00- 2:30—Rest and Study  
2:30- 3:30—SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS  
3:30- 3:45—Break  
3:45- 4:45—OFFICER ..... RESPONSIBILITY GROUPS  
5:15- 6:30—Evening Meal  
7:30- 8:30—Bible Study

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

6:30- 6:45—Morning Meditations ..... Greek Amphitheater  
6:30- 7:30—Breakfast  
8:30- 9:20—PLATFORM HOUR  
9:30-10:30—APPLICATION GROUPS

HOMEWARD BOUND

## GROUP MEETINGS

1. PLATFORM HOUR: First Class Period  
The entire school meets together  
Team Coordinator: Mrs. C. R. McCammon
2. APPLICATION GROUPS: Second Class Period  
Small study work—groups
  - a. THE WITNESS OF EVERY CHRISTIAN  
Mrs. Guy Hicks  
Mrs. Harold L. Soulen  
Mrs. C. B. McGowan
  - b. SOCIAL ISSUES FOR THE CHRISTIAN  
Mrs. Earl Cotton  
Mrs. George Hart
  - c. OUTREACH THROUGH MISSIONS  
Mrs. R. Russell Hearer  
Mrs. John L. Howe
3. BIBLE STUDY: Every one attends each evening  
Miss Ethelene Sampley
4. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:
  - a. COACHING SESSION  
Mrs. G. W. Dameron
  - b. USE OF PROGRAM RESOURCES  
Mrs. E. Maurice Faubion
  - c. MEMBERSHIP CULTIVATION  
Mrs. Max Clayton  
Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick
  - d. UNIVERSITY WORLD  
Mrs. John L. Howe
5. MORNING MEDITATIONS:  
Mrs. Dana Dawson
6. OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY GROUPS:  
Tuesday:  
Conference officers meet with corresponding district and local officers. GUILD meets together as a group.  
Wednesday:
  - a. Presidents and Recording Secretaries
  - b. Missionary Personnel and Campus Ministry
  - c. Treasurers and Supply Work
  - d. Local officers corresponding to local Committee on Program
  - e. Groups to Plan Fall Workshops:  
District officers corresponding to local Committee on Program
  - f. GUILD meets together in one group

Thursday:

25th ANNIVERSARY PLANS

YOUR GUILD PRESIDENT has received all information and registration cards. It is hoped that your Guild may have at least one representative at this SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION.

FEE: REGISTRATION .....	\$ 4.00
(Insurance 50¢)	
Room .....	6.00
Meals .....	11.00
TOTAL .....	\$21.00

## MANY OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT YOU AT GUILD WEEKEND

The studies promise to be down to earth experiences for all who participate. The conference chairmen who attend the Regional School of Christian Mission and study these areas will be leading them. Miss Sampley will lead a two session study on "Acts, Then and Now". To build greater unity and create continuity in our program, Mrs. G. W. Dameron will lead us in our meditations. As she challenges us to be "Salty Christians", we will have an opportunity to test the "savor" of our Christianity. The officer responsibility groups are always meant to be practical and workable. They should be more meaningful this year, after a year's experience in the new quadrennium—which always brings a sense of confusion and uncertainty. Bring your questions and suggestions. After our experiences at Regional School and Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, we, as officers, hope to have something vital to share with you. You will want your Guild represented in each of these—therefore, we are setting them up in two periods to enable each person to attend two of them—this is what was formerly known as clinics.

A special invitation is extended to the three new Guilds and all new members (those that have joined since September, 1964). We want to give special recognition to them on Sunday morning. We hope to have the charters to present to the three new guilds at that time. Who will make it more than three?

## GUILD TIMES REPORTS

This issue is the 4th and last issue for 1964-65. IT IS NOW TIME FOR YOU TO SUBSCRIBE TO YOUR 1965-66 PUBLICATION. Those of you who have been keeping up with our conference plans know that, beginning in January, a merger has been made. Your GUILD TIMES and the W.S.C.S. CONFERENCE NEWS will combine to make a wonderful conference publication for the women of our great Methodist Churches in Louisiana. Plans for this new publication will be released as soon as the new editorial staff is set up.

IN THE MEANTIME, every Guild and every Guild Times subscriber should be working toward subscriptions for the coming year. We will follow the same plan of \$1.00 subscriptions for the 4 issues. Be ready to bring your subscriptions, by Guilds, to Guild Weekend at Shreveport, Centenary College.

The name of the new publication will be selected from suggestions submitted. So if you have a name to submit, send it to your editor, or to Mrs. G. W. Dameron or Miss Arline Tyler.

Your editor—  
Elizabeth Langford

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## GUILD TIMES AND CONFERENCE NEWS MERGES

Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary

After playful study and consideration and without a dissenting vote, the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild in session on March 14, 1965, approved the merger of GUILD TIMES and CONFERENCE NEWS into a joint publication effective, January, 1966. To keep faith with this decision, this will be our final issue of GUILD TIMES as such. As the joint publication emerges, we know that each of you will extend to it the same evidence of faith, patience, prayer, and loyal support that you have given to GUILD TIMES. Undergirded with this, the new publication can be an even greater media of promotion, cultivation, and sharing. The full plan of management will be shared with you as it develops. The subscriptions sent in since July will be used for this issue and ensuing issues of joint publication. Let us be in prayer and unite our efforts in this service.

### ~DEDICATION~

To DOROTHY DUNBAR for her dream and for giving life to that dream through the birth of GUILD TIMES and for the nurture she gave it during its infancy . . . . to LILLIAN KENNEDY for her leadership in continuing its publication and her dedication to the task . . . . and to ELIZABETH LANGFORD for her seven years of untiring devotion, her prayers and labor to make GUILD TIMES the symbol it has become to Guilders not only in our own conference but throughout the South Central Jurisdiction and the Woman's Division . . . . TO THESE THREE THIS ISSUE OF GUILD TIMES IS LOVINGLY DEDICATED.

ELIZABETH LANGFORD—grasped the helm of GUILD TIMES

IN 1957. With zeal, candor, and devotion, she has moved forward with enthusiasm and determination to bring GUILD TIMES to its full fruition as a media of information, promotion, and sharing to us as individuals and as a group. SEVEN YEARS! Under three conference secretaries she has served loyally and untiringly. To some of us Elizabeth exemplifies these meanings of enthusiasm!



ELIZABETH LANGFORD

"Enthusiasm is the leaping light that  
blasts obstacles from its path—  
Enthusiasm is a contagion that laughs at quarantines and  
inoculates all who come in contact with it.  
Enthusiasm is the vibrant thrill in your voice—  
Enthusiasm that will transmute dull tasks into delightful deeds."  
For your ENTHUSIASM, your WITNESS, and your SERVICE,  
we say lovingly,  
"THANK YOU, ELIZABETH LANGFORD".

MILDRED EVANS, New Orleans, will assume the responsibility  
as Guild Editor of the joint publication.



MILDRED EVANS

Mildred needs no introduction to Louisiana Guilders for she has served faithfully and well as District Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation and District Secretary. She is now completing her fifth year as Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation. Her depth of dedication and humility in addition to her professional training give her that special quality of leadership so needed in these days. I know that you join with me in rejoicing that Mildred has accepted this re-

sponsibility in pledging to her our loyal cooperation and support in this new undertaking. Mildred will receive your news items, organize it, and direct it to the General Editor. Thank you, Mildred.



# The SECRETARY'S Pen

GUILD WEEKEND, 1965, has now become history—May it be a living history for all who attended; and may it come alive for those who were not able to attend through the reports and work that come from this. Thanks to each for your attendance, and participation that make it a treasured and valuable experience for each of us.

**SELF STUDY BEFORE GOD:** Every local unit of the Guild and each district is urged to have this time of SELF STUDY. It can be most meaningful. Note the material shared with you at the Weekend and refer to the September issue of the METHODIST WOMAN for further help in planning this.

**LOCAL UNITS:** What are you doing in the program of UPGRADING and cooperating with the WSCS program? I will be interested to hear. This is Missions Where You Live in reality.

**PROGRAM:** The type of program and what we do with it is vital to the Wesleyan Service Guild. The program book: LIVING IN SUCH AN AGE is a MUST for each local unit. Do you have yours? Study it carefully and choose that which best meets the needs of the local group.

**COACHING CONFERENCES:** I hope each district has plans for this under way. If most or all of these can be completed by the time our conference committee meets, we will want to hear a report from each. May each be meaningful and worthwhile.

**WEEKEND MISSION SEMINAR:** Dulac Community Center, Dulac, October 22-24. About 50 people can be accommodated through the study groups. The details of housing and meals will be cleared as soon as the staff returns from vacation, and mailed to each local Guild. Every district Chairman of Missionary Education and Service will want to do some special promotion. If you have not made your reservation, please send in NAME AND ADDRESS WITH \$5 REGISTRATION FEE TO MISS LILLIAN JOHNSON, 475 RIVERSIDE DR., NEW YORK, N. Y. 10027.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE STUDY RETREAT:** January 29-30 at Hodges Gardens near Many, Louisiana. Watch for the details from Miss Mildred Evans.

**LOCAL PRESIDENTS:** Remember you are to send me a membership Roll. If you have a Year Book, copy of that will be most helpful. Thanks.

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:** It is hoped that each committee—local, district, and conference will begin your research and cultivation NOW with prayer and thoughtful consideration. Let us keep these important groups much in our prayer in these days.

**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES, 1965-1966:** Watch for the detailed calendar and note changes of former notices where given.

May we be truly claimed by God for missions through the Wesleyan Service Guild is my sincere hope for the living of these days.

Lovingly,  
Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary

## SUPPLY WORK

Dorothy Dunbar, Conference Chairman

SUPPLY WORK "CASH ASKINGS"

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

HOME: MACDONNELL METHODIST CENTER,  
Houma, Louisiana ..... \$1,483.00

Your cash gifts will help buy these supplies: Boys' clothing—6-17 and girls' clothing—6-18.

WORLD: ARGENTINA, SOUTH AMERICA ..... 522.00  
Your cash gifts will help supply these articles: Office supplies, deep freeze, furniture, teaching materials, audio-visual equipment.

THE MAGAZINE AND PICTURE FUND ..... 216.00  
is a continued responsibility of the Wesleyan Service Guild, a personal responsibility as no one contributes to this fund except the Wesleyan Service Guild. It is suggested that each guild unit contribute a cash gift of \$2.00 a year to this fund which supplies Christian magazines and pictures for foreign workers.

PLEASE NOTE: We did not meet our ASKINGS for the Magazine and Picture Fund last year.

TOTAL ..... \$2,221.00

Each Guild make every effort to meet your "Cash Askings" in full; if for any reason you cannot do so, notify the District Chairman of Supply Work.



MAREE WHITE AND ARLINE TYLER

## Thoughts From The Conference President Mrs. G. W. Dameron

As the copy for this issue of GUILD TIMES is being prepared, my thoughts—and perhaps, yours too—are turning to the plans which were approved last spring by both the Guild and the Woman's Society to merge GUILD TIMES and the CONFERENCE NEWS into one paper for both groups. Through the months since last March, the Conference Secretary and I, as well as the committee which was set up to study the merger proposal, have been very busy talking with persons about the plans, securing suggestions and recommendations, and most of all, contacting persons for staff positions on the paper. Progress has been made, and the staff is almost complete.

As you know, the Woman's Society must undertake a new venture in securing subscriptions, since the CONFERENCE NEWS has always been on a non-subscription basis. The Guild is used to this plan and has moved forward in a fine way. For this, I am grateful. It is my hope that the Society will accept this new plan in an equally fine way.

If you have suggestions for the name of the new paper, please send them to both Miss Arline Tyler and to me. We, in turn, will share these with the committee and the new staff. Use your creative imagination and let us name our paper something that will be inspirational and meaningful.

Our deepest appreciation goes to Elizabeth Langford, and her predecessors, who so ably edited GUILD TIMES, and to Mrs. C. B. McGowan and Mrs. W. E. Trice, and their predecessors, who have, with the same fine spirit and ability, edited the CONFERENCE NEWS.

With continued effort, cooperation, and mutual concern, I am sure we shall have a paper that will do honor to our Conference, will meet the needs of our women, and will, above all, be one way in which all of us can witness to our concern for the Christian Mission.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman

To all of the Spiritual Life Cultivation Chairmen I wish to express my sincere thanks for their help and cooperation in all areas at Guild Weekend. You have my deep appreciation and gratitude.

October, 1965, is the date for "A Call To Prayer and Self-Denial". The call is "To all Methodist women to join in prayer, study and sacrificial giving for a New Library for Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tennessee, and for Medical Missions Around the World". Each local Wesleyan Service Guild unit will receive a free packet of the program materials for this from the District Guild Secretary. They are already in her possession. If you do not receive your packet, contact your District Secretary.

We strongly urge each of you to plan for the observance of "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial". It is an opportunity for prayer, for "spiritual renewal", and for an expression of your stewardship.

District Spiritual Life Cultivation Chairmen have the responsibility of assisting the District Secretary with the "Self-Study on the Meaning and Basis of Membership". We urge each of you to give your full cooperation in this.

Please remember and set aside the dates of January 29-30, 1966, to attend the Conference Guild Spiritual Life Study Retreat at Hodges Gardens, Many, Louisiana. We will, again, need your help and cooperation.



## Your Conference Treasurer Reports:

	First Quarter Pledge-Giving 1964-1965	First Quarter Pledge-Giving 1965-1966
Alexandria	\$358.42	\$363.94
Baton Rouge	444.25	651.30
Lafayette	341.87	353.75
Lake Charles	600.87	611.83
Monroe	605.12	991.90
New Orleans	457.50	539.50
Ruston	435.88	342.63
Shreveport	462.20	510.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,706.11</b>	<b>\$4,365.01</b>

When you compare the above figures for the FIRST QUARTER you will note we have made \$658.90 increase this year in Pledge-Giving over the first quarter last year. Check and see if your District made an increase. How much?

We need to increase our Pledge-Giving over the amount we paid last year, each quarter in order to meet our Pledge at the end of the year.

May I urge you to increase your individual Pledge if possible. May I urge you to continue to use the "Special Mission Bank" and/or "My World Bank". (Remember the money we place in our banks is in addition to our Pledge).

Continue to promote the following: In Remembrance Gifts, In Honor Gifts, and Memberships.

I made the following statement at Guild Weekend, Centenary College, "If each member of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild would give \$1.75 more on her Pledge THIS YEAR, we would meet our goal of 25% increase in Pledge-Giving during the observance of the 25th Anniversary. This is a little less than 15¢ per month.

It was a joy to meet with you at Guild Weekend. Again may I express my appreciation for having the privilege to work with you.

Hazel Gallaher

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 19th ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND Centenary College... August 6, 7, 8, 1965

An evening of "SELF-STUDY" by your conference officers on Friday, preceding the Guild Weekend set the tone for another successful meeting for the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds. Conducted by Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary and Miss Mildred Evans, Chairman of Spiritual Life, the officers spent the evening evaluating our individual lives, asking questions, meditating on values, looking at our own images, discovering our place in God's plan and, finally, a period of dedication of Self.

It was in this atmosphere that the Program Chairman, Mrs. Emma Mainous, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, directed the Weekend, around the theme "New Life In the Spirit". As always, those who participate in these gatherings are forever grateful for the efficiency and guidance portrayed by the leaders who plan and execute each conference activity. The larger meaning and purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild is more fully realized as each individual participates in the well planned schedule. So many expressions of appreciation go to the Conference Guild Committee and to those who assisted in carrying out every detail.

REGISTRATION began in James Hall Friday evening and continued Saturday morning with Virginia Wren, Chairman assisted by Adeline Durham, Elsie Ellis and Pauline Rodgers. The District Secretary, Sybil Kelly, was "everywhere", giving aid and assistance where needed. Louisiana Conference is indeed proud of Centenary College and the administration was most cordial to the Guilders as they made available the facilities of the dormitories, the amphitheatre, Hurley Music Hall and the cafeteria. The meals were excellent and added much to the enjoyment of the weekend.

The program began in the amphitheatre early Saturday morning with Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Conference President presenting the first of three devotionals titled "Salty Christians", using the scripture "YOU are the SALT of the EARTH". Mrs. Dameron has been most generous with her time and talents in her service to the Louisiana Guilders.

Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, assisted by the Recording Secretary, Miss Maree White, opened the first business session in Hurley auditorium. After the introduction of leaders and guests the program was begun with Mrs. Ruth Guthrie reviewing the work of the local chairmen in the presentation of "Who's Job Now?". She very cleverly identified the "new terms and titles" and their various responsibilities. The Officer Responsibility Groups divided the delegates into five areas of study, led, efficiently, by conference leaders.



19th ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND IN HURLEY MUSIC BUILDING AUDITORIUM, CENTENARY COLLEGE, AUGUST 7-8, 1965



The second session found the Lines of Work in Responsibility Groups again. In the afternoon session Mrs. Emma Mainous, chairman of Missionary Education and Service, presented "Missions, the Christian's Calling", followed by Application Groups.

Because of inclement weather the evening session was held in the lounge of James Dormitory. In the absence of Miss Ethelene Samply, Dr. Webb Pomeroy presented a Study on "ACTS". Those who know Dr. Pomeroy, Professor of Bible at Centenary, always welcome the opportunity of hearing this learned man as he unfolds the Scriptures with knowledge, and a depth of understanding that adds emphasis to the words he speaks. The Guild delegates greatly appreciate his contribution to the program.

The Sunday morning Session presented the 25th ANNIVERSARY GOALS, with Mrs. Janie Phillips, Monroe District Secretary, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference Treasurer, and Mrs. G. W. Dameron speaking.

Three new Guilds were introduced to the conference, as Certificates were presented by the Conference Secretary to: a new unit at First Church, Shreveport, a unit at Asbury Church, Lafayette, and a unit at St. Paul's of Monroe. It was reported that the conference showed a gain of 139 members.

Miss Tyler announced that the offering to Missions, taken at the Worship Service, would be sent by the conference in honor of the Guild Times Editor. Miss Grace Lawson, Chairman of Program Materials had charge of the Literature Room. She reported a total of \$396.50 in sales.

The Registration Committee reported that 154 registered for the Weekend as follows: Alexandria District—13; Baton Rouge District—16; Lafayette District—7; Lake Charles District—16; Monroe District—23; New Orleans District—26; Ruston District—14; Shreveport District—33; and W.S.C.S. Officers—6.

At 10:50 Sunday morning Miss Mildred Evans presided at the Worship service. After a solo "How Happy Every Child of Grace" by Miss Jerry Beck, accompanied by Mrs. Clyde Black, Mrs. John (Coy) Howe, of MacDonnell Home, Houma, was introduced and she brought the morning message on the theme "Look About Us". This was a very fitting closing hour for the 19th Annual Guild Weekend. After another delightful dinner in the cafeteria the Guilders were soon homeward bound. A goodly number were to remain to attend the School of Christian Mission which followed. The theme "New Life in the Spirit" had been developed in every area of activity and Guilders departed with the theme hymn in their hearts:

"Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,  
Wean it from earth; thru all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love."

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur, Chairman

Many thanks to those who helped me in my Responsibility Groups and in our Study at Guild Weekend. Especially thanks to Mrs. Gardner, Woman's Society Secretary of Christian Social Relations for taking her busy time to talk to us on the poverty program.

Now is your chance to help the world's children thru the Unicef program. Did you know that just one box of greeting cards sold will provide enough penicillin to cure twenty children of yaws? Did you know that twenty boxes will provide two weeks of a training course for a primary school teacher? Order your folder now from this address:

U. S. Committee to Unicef  
313 East 38th Street  
New York, New York 10017

The financial situation at the United Nations makes it important that private funds contributed to Unicef be increased. Here is your opportunity.

N. B. C. presented a very important program of three and one half hours at six-thirty on Sept. 7. Title: "American White Paper: American Foreign Policy 1945-65.

The program surveyed the roll of the United States in the world since World War II—assessing the successes, failures, and the implications for the future. Chet Huntley and David Brinkley presented special commentaries and additional analysis was provided by N. B. C. Correspondences..

Margaret Bender writes, "As I went over to the United States Mission to the United Nations to sign, on behalf of all of us in the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild across the country, the Adlai Stevenson Memorial book, one of his quotations keeps coming to mind. He said that Mrs. Roosevelt spoke these words: "I would rather light a candle than curse the darkness". In these days I think each of us has great need to light small candles. God Bless you as you light them!



IRENE BLACK AND EMMA MAINOUS

## MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Mrs. C. G. Mainous (Emma) Conference Education

If you did not go to Guild Weekend at Centenary College on August 6, 7, 8th, you missed a meeting filled with fresh information, good fellowship and inspiration. I feel sure that each person attending left with the feeling that she had a very special place in this world to fill. One that only she could fill.

The Studies for the year 65-66 were accepted enthusiastically by members attending the meetings. This is one year when each person can be involved in the studies, since "Discussion" is the key word. You have a great treat in store for you as you study "Mission: the Christian's Calling." I hope that you will have a self study before beginning your study. The approach is new, we need to prepare ourselves to accept this new role. We will study the Babylons and make our Decision. "Acts Then and Now", the Bible study, is a must. The Methodist Mission Study Book for 65-66 will be ready by September 1. It is CLAIMED BY GOD FOR MISSION. The cost of this book will be \$1.00.

I hope that all Missionary Education and Service Chairmen will make every effort to work with the Commission on Missions of your local Church. The Methodist Mission Study is in the tradition of OUR MISSION TODAY. It will help raise questions, such as, how can our Churches more truly participate in God's Mission?

Reporting had a full measure of Study and Presentation at the weekend meeting. I feel that if you Chairmen will keep a record book with a chart as shown on page 40 of the Handbook on Program, reporting will be easier for you and a greater degree of accuracy will be attained. Remember, DO NOT REPORT a study until it is completed. That is, at the next report period after the study is completed. For a study to count as having met the suggested, "Goals for Excellence", there must be a minimum of 4 sessions and 6 hours spent in study. Keep a record, DO NOT trust your memory.

I am sure you have received the Pamphlet about the Weekend Mission Seminars. The one to be held at Dulac Community Center on October 22-24 will be the nearest for us to attend. Do put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. You will be getting more information as plans are completed.

Conference wise, we ended the year with 76 studies that met the suggested Goals for Excellence.

May God Bless each of you as you make every effort to promote, "Mission: the Christian's Calling."

## PROGRAM MATERIALS

Grace Lawson, Conference Chairman

If your Guild has not purchased the new HANDBOOK FOR THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD — 50¢ — I urge you to order copies for your officers from the Service Center, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio. This edition is by far the best and most complete handbook we have ever had. Your Guild Committee would do well to study it and perfect your own unit accordingly.

Let me thank you for the large purchase of program materials at the Guild Weekend. My final report showed sales amounting to \$414.00.



## NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS

All of the eight district secretaries reported to your editor. In this edition of Guild Times we are combining the district news so that we may have a six page edition.

The work of the district secretaries cannot be recognized often enough. They are the important link between the conference secretary and the local units. These secretaries hold up the arm of the conference secretary—they keep in touch with every local unit, receive and channel all reports and records to the conference secretary.

Your editor has had the full cooperation of all district secretaries during these years and a hearty thank you is here expressed. We know you will give your full support to the new publication so that our Wesleyan Service Guilds may benefit by your guidance and leadership.

**ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT**, Bessie M. Rollo, District Secretary

Our District Executive Committee met May 31st at Trinity-Alexandria to make basic plans for the year. October 10th was set for our Coaching Conference, to be held at the First Methodist Church, Pineville. Our District Spring Meeting is set for April 17th, 1966, at Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria.

Plans are under way by our District Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. Janice Richardson, Bunkie, for A-Day-Apart in early November.

**BUNKIE**: For their June meeting had a Spanish American meal and program on "Sanoish Speaking Americans". The film strip "Amigos Latinos" was shown in connection with the program.

At a special meeting Miss Margaret Wade Campbell, Missionary in Mexico, now on leave, spoke to them and showed slides of her work.

**MONTGOMERY**: The Guild and W. S. C. S. had a joint all day meeting August 3rd to study "Genesis" being taught by Miss Catherine Winters of Natchitoches. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon.

Mrs. W. H. Rollins, W. S. C. S. — Guild Woman at Large, attended the Alexandria District Executive Committee Self-Appraisal Study of the W. S. C. S. held at Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, August 18th, as my representative and gave me a detailed report that same day.

**BATON ROUGE DISTRICT**, Mrs. Joe L. (Gail) Rountree, Jr., Secretary

**THE INGLESIDE GUILD** entertains the members close relatives and friends at dinner during the Spring season of each year. The members had their husbands as guests for this event, and the Guild had as its guests the following persons: Dr. and Mrs. Harvey G. Williamson, Pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Marshall Paine, Mr. Arthur Paine, Mrs. Floyd E. Bennett, Mrs. Allen DeArmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Eubanks.

Rev. Paine gave the inspirational message of the evening. A trio of Louisiana State University students sang a group of spirituals. Dr. Williamson gave the benediction at the close of the dinner.

For the meeting held in June the **INGLESIDE GUILD** invited Mrs. Joe L. Rountree, Jr., District Secretary to install their new officers. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. S. G. Quillian, who also opened the meeting with prayer. The necessary business was taken care of and then Mrs. B. W. Causey led the group in an inspirational message. A beautiful worship setting was arranged by Mrs. W. J. Gussman consisting of an open Bible, white satin cross and a white candle were placed on a table draped in a blue satin cover. A spray of fresh ivy was twined around a scriptural injunction lettered on a white background. The new officers were installed in a very impressive service led by Mrs. Rountree. Following the installation service, Mrs. Joe Heath led the group in a brief pledge service. Refreshments were served by the hostesses and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

The District Meeting was held on September 12, at JACKSON, and the **DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP BRUNCH** will be held during Guild month, which is January. Plans are also being worked on for the Spring Conference to be held in Baton Rouge in March.

**LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT**, Laura Lynch, District Secretary

The treasurers of eleven of the thirteen Guilds in the Lake Charles District sent in reports for the first quarter of 1965-1966.

Two Coaching Conferences are being planned for the district during the month of October. Each Guild in the district is urged to have representation at one of these conferences.

Sample Packets for "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" have been mailed to Spiritual Life Chairmen. (If your unit had a representative at Guild Weekend, your packet was sent by that person.)

We now have 236 members in our district and Pledge to Missions for 1965-1966 is \$3,423.00.

**LAFAYETTE DISTRICT**, Mrs. Louis (Lillian) Soileau, Dist. Secretary

**LAFAYETTE DISTRICT** will hold its Coaching Conference at



REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Abbeville on Sunday, October 17. Full details will be sent each Guild by the district secretary. Let's work for a good attendance.

Lake Arthur Guild has subscribed 100% to Guild Times. Congratulations!

Congratulations are also in order for Mrs. Coy Howe. Mrs. Howe is the author of the play "God's Work In Our Time"—a dramatic encounter to be used in the study of ACTS: THEN AND NOW. Secure a copy from the Service Center.

**MONROE DISTRICT**, Mrs. M. W. (Janie) Phillips, District Secretary

The Monroe District Guild Committee met in the home of the district secretary in Mer Rouge and made extensive plans for the annual Coaching Conference, which will be held at Camp Chemin-A-Haut State Park (Bastrop) on Saturday afternoon and Sunday, October 9-10.

An excellent program has been set up and it is hoped that every Guild in the Monroe district will be represented. Your newly elected officers should be there. On Saturday evening bring your picnic lunch. The Bastrop Guild will cater the Sunday breakfast and dinner. The registration and meals will be \$3.25. If you have never been to beautiful Camp Chemin-A-Haut you have missed a treat. Could we establish a new record of EVERY GUILD in the district represented?

**NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT**, Ruth Vega, District Secretary

New Orleans District enjoys the unique reputation of chartering a bus to transport them to conference meetings. Though they had the furthest to come—from New Orleans to Shreveport—they registered the largest delegation outside Shreveport District. As the bus headed back to New Orleans it left behind five of the Guilders who remained for the School of Christian Mission.

New Orleans District was scheduled to hold its district Coaching Conference September 19th. Mrs. Pauline Colburn, with her committee, are making plans for a Retreat during the month of October at Diehlmann Center in Waverland, Miss.

The Munholland Guild, Metairie, has subscribed 100% to the Guild Times.

Mrs. Dorothy Blanchard, Spiritual Life Chairman of Munholland Guild, attended the Spiritual Life Retreat held at Dillard University by the Central Jurisdiction.

New Orleans District and Louisiana Conference lost a faithful Guild member when Miss Clara Chalmers of Carrollton Guild passed away in August. Our sincere sympathy is extended her family and the Carrollton Guild.

**RUSTON DISTRICT**, Sue Batton, District Secretary

Guilds in Ruston District are very busy in their first quarter preparing budgets and pledge services. "If you did not increase your pledge to missions by 13% you should do so immediately. We met our 12% increase in 1964-65 and this increase of 13% will give us the 25% increase that we have been asked for in our 25th Anniversary observance."

**SHREVEPORT DISTRICT**, Sybil Kelly, District Secretary

Shreveport District enjoyed being hosts to the 19th Annual Guild Weekend. After assuming the various responsibilities assigned the 14 units that participated very little else has been accomplished.

The district secretary added to her busy schedule by attending summer school. Also, our Conference Secretary, Arline Tyler, found time to attend a summer course at L. S. U.

The sympathy of the conference is extended to Mrs. Fannie Bell Johnson, Guild of Shreveport District, in the death of her father, Mr. J. W. Givens.



## VELA CLEVELAND'S COLUMN

E. T. C. M. Hospital  
Kolar, Mysore State, India

Dear Friends:

I always hope that sometime I can get a correspondence schedule worked out so that I'm not rushing at the last minute to get letters written that should have been written sometime before. There is so much to write about this time I hardly know where to start. It will be the same with my general letter I'm sure.

It is always a sad time when members of staff are lost from an institution. This is just such a time with us in Kolar as Dr. Esther Shoemaker is retiring from India. She first came to Kolar in October, 1927, so you see she is just before completing 38 years of service here and to the Methodist medical work throughout India as well. When she came there were about 30 beds only whereas today we claim 218 beds (although it does add up to more when we have to stretch a particular department to take in the total patients who need hospitalization from time to time). During her time she has been Medical Superintendent for most of these years, taking care of administration as well as the surgery and ward work. In the early years, the doctors also did whatever simple laboratory testing was done.

During the 1940's, in particular, Dr. Shoemaker's interest began to spread further afield and she was elected as Secretary of the Methodist Medical Council, an all India Council of the Central Conference. In the early 1950's a few students were beginning to receive medical scholarships for medical training with Dr. Shoemaker handling all this correspondence as a part of her job as Secretary of the Medical Council. The work of the Medical Council had also taken on much more importance in its survey and attempt at coordinating all of our Methodist Medical work throughout the whole country. By 1960, the number of students on medical scholarship had reached a total of 75 students during the year. Not only were medical students now being trained but paramedical students as well as nurses needing post-graduate courses were also receiving scholarships. It was being recognized that if we were training doctors for our mission hospitals their work could not possibly be carried on properly and effectively if they did not have the undergirding support of properly trained paramedical and nursing personnel. And so scholarships were extended to meet the needs for our hospitals personnel.

At this point the work of the Medical Council was becoming so heavy, and Dr. Shoemaker was asked by Dr. Brewster from the Board in New York to make the work of Medical Council a first priority with her. So, she began to spend more and more time traveling for visitation and surveys of our various institutions throughout India. She also still spent as much time visiting our scholarship students in their schools, and later in their places of service. Thus, her last five years have been spent more and more in the coordination and fostering of cooperation between our Methodist Hospitals and Rural Health Centers. In 1960 she gave up the work of the Scholarship Committee and it was then that this particular job got turned over to me to do. By the end of this year I'm sure the number of students on scholarship will be at least 150, if not more, as we have already added more than 50 new students since January 1, 1965.

So, not only is Esther going to be missed from her first love in India, E. T. C. M. Hospital, but she is going to sadly be missed throughout all of India and our Methodist Medical Work. I started out by saying that it is a sad time when we lose our staff members. Up to this point I must say that it has actually been quite a festive time. Everywhere we go, and everyone who can possibly do so, celebrates with some feasting event! There have been teas and dinners and parties and formal speech making occasions, including just such a tribute conducted by the Municipality of Kolar itself. Since August 25 was her birthday, the Hospital conducted five days of celebration (including the Municipal function above). One of the highlights of these events was a pageant written by two of the hospital staff and produced as a narrative with reader voices and illustrated by pantomime action by scenes produced on three stages. This pageant depicted the healing ministry of Christ, with several episodes pantomimed on a shadow screen, and the continuation of this ministry down through the ages as various missionaries have answered to the call to take this healing ministry to the far flung reaches of the earth. Of course, this included the coming of Dr. Shoemaker to India and various scenes with her in action in Kolar. But the time is now fast drawing near for her departure from Kolar on September 21, and her sailing from Bombay on September 28. She is not actually retiring yet, as she will continue to work on a deputation basis out of the New York office for a number of months to

come. (Her actual retirement will be August, 1966.) In the meantime it will be possible for her to be with her 87 year old father and mother.

Well, this letter has been all about Esther, but I think you are interested in her too, as she visited in Louisiana and probably will again.

Blessings on thee—  
Vela

## 1965-1966 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September: New Program year begins. Use as resource and guide the Program Book: LIVING IN SUCH AN AGE District Coaching Conferences
- October 2-3: Mid-year Meeting of Conference Guild Committee Holiday Inn, Alexandria
- October 22-24: WEEKEND MISSION SEMINAR at Dulact Community Center
- November 5: Evaluation Reports to District Officers District Officers will compile these and direct immediately to Conference officers. BE PROMPT.
- January: Guild Month
- January 29-30: Spiritual Life Study Retreat. Hodges Gardens, Many.
- February: Election of local Guild Officers. Send names to District Secretary.
- March 5-6: Annual Spring Meeting, Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge
- March-April: District Spring Meetings
- May 1: All officer list forms completed and channeled properly
- May 12-15: Seventh Assembly of Woman's Society and Guild, Portland, Oregon
- June 17-19: Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, Mt. Sequoyah
- June 20-24: Regional School of Christian Mission, SMU, Dallas
- July 18-22: Conference School of Christian Mission, Centenary
- July 22-24: Conference Guild Weekend, Centenary College, Shreveport

## "LAST WORDS FROM YOUR EDITOR"

... And, again, I repeat "Words don't come right, somehow, when there's something real to say". After having worked with this edition and having our Conference Secretary dedicate the first page to us editors, past, present, and future, I am sure that I speak for them as well as for myself, when I try to find words with which to say "thank you". We have been the recipients of many more blessings than we have given. Friendships gained, Christian experiences realized, knowledge of Guild work broadened, and a greater love for our Master in whose Name all of this has been done . . . these are some of our blessings.

Now we ask you to continue in the same spirit as you work with Mildred Evans and the new staff in the joint publication. Though under a new name, I am sure the purposes set forth in the little block below will continue to be lifted up to you.

... Until you are told otherwise, you may continue to send NEW and RENEWED subscriptions to me and I will turn them over to the new staff at the proper time. To date I only have 536 subscriptions as follows:

(By Districts) ALEXANDRIA—31; BATON ROUGE—82; LA-FAYETTE—38; LAKE CHARLES—121; MONROE—87; NEW ORLEANS—70; RUSTON—28; SHREVEPORT—70; and Out-of-State—9.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the Twin City Printing Co., Mr. Milton Ford, Mr. Glover Poole and their personnel for their splendid cooperation given me in printing the Guild Times these seven years.

Again, I am thankful for having had the privilege of working in the Louisiana Conference as your Guild Times Editor and you shall continually be in my prayers as we go forward to bigger and better achievements in His Name. ELIZABETH LANGFORD

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